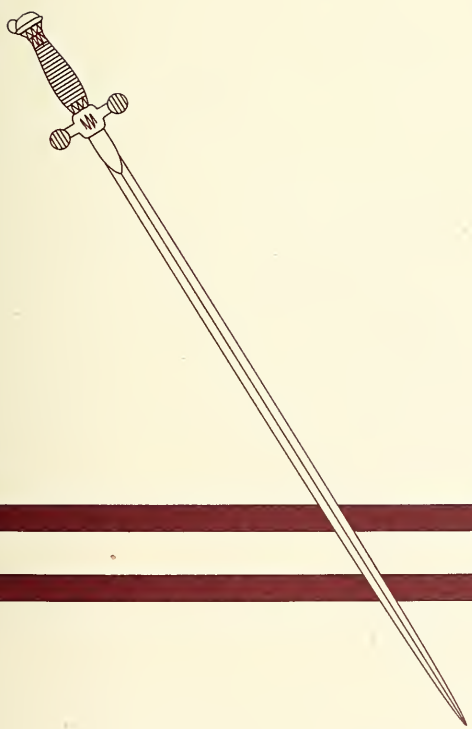
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The Corps at the Battle of New Market as depicted on the painting by Benjamin West Clinedinst in JM Hall. This battle inspires every cadet to achieve whatever he desires and instills in him the courage to do that which is honorable.

A Tradition of Traditions

The Corps of Cadets marching in a Friday evening parade is a common sight on post.



The center of VMI: the Barracks and the Parade Deck.

Courtesy of VMI PIO



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From VMI's Beginning On November 11, 1839...

The transformation of a state armory to the world reknown Viriginia Military Insititute has been a long and at times painful one. Started at first as a grand experiment, it has contributed, since its conception, to every chapter in American history.

On November 11, 1839, 23 young boys matriculated to VMI and began the VMI odyssey. Located on the site of a state armory, the school's purpose was to prepare men for the varied works of civil life through the Cincinatus' concept of training the total man. The VMI community experienced many hardships in the beginning days, but none matched those caused by the Civil War.

In 1861, nearly 300 cadets went to Richmond to drill recruits for the Confederacy. It is estimated that between 25,000 and 50,000 recruits were drilled by the Corps. In May 1862, the Corps was involved in the McDowell Campaign. In August 1863, a detachment was ordered out to capture deserters and the Corps marched to Goshen to take up positions to repel General Averell's first raid. In November and then in December of the same year, General Averell raided again forcing the Corps to march to Rockbridge Baths and to Buckingham to take up positions. In June of 1864 the Corps served in the trenches of Vicksburg as a reserve. In May 15, 1864, the Corps participated in the Battle of New Market and lost ten men on the field of honor. For its participation in New Market, Union forces shelled VMI to the ground. Later, members of the Corps served in the defensive lines of Richmond until April 12, 1865 when Corps was disbanded, every man for himself. The majority of VMI's Alumni had died on the battlefield protecting what they had believed in. After the war, the Insitute was slowly rebuilt and normal functions were resumed. The actions of VMI's Corps and its alumni during the Civil War would make a lasting impression on the Corps and the nation's image of it. VMI was known to teach men to do what was right.



Courtesy VMI PIO

An MEI on the parade deck back during the reign of the old Corps.



Courtesy of VMI PIO

Some things never seem to change. Room 102 at the turn of the century in the same condition as today.

The VMI barracks after General Hunter's raid. VMI was razed because of the Corp's participation at New Market.

The West side of barracks at the turn of the century.

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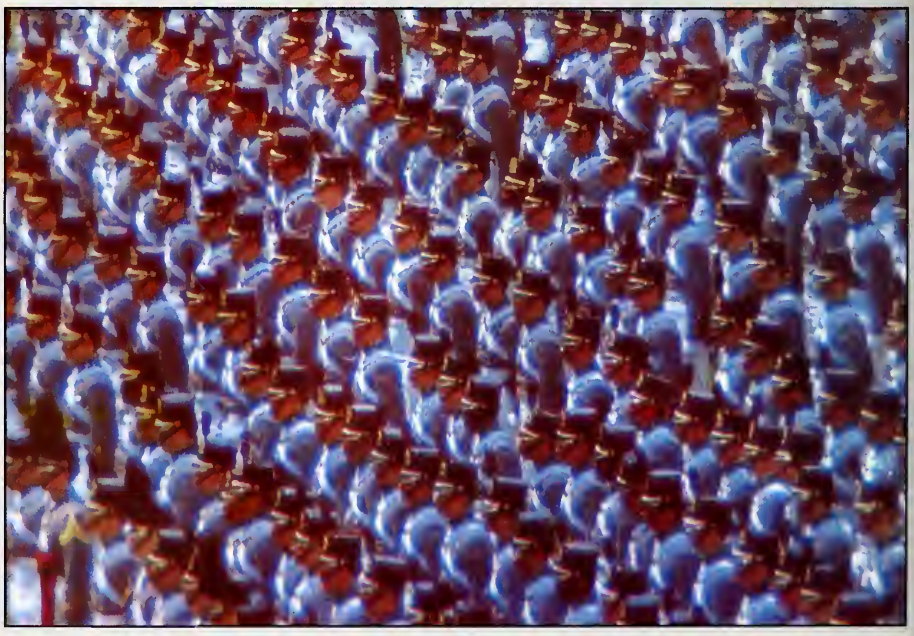
To A Changing Institute in 92'

Change is necessary to keep an organization working to its maximum potential. It must be carefully thought out, however, to ensure that it benefits the organization and does not hurt it. It seems that this aspect is not noted by those in the administration who view change as a great game to try a hand at.

Several changes have greatly benefited the Corps. Crozet Hall's new service has ensured that the Corps is properly and quickly served. First Classmen are allowed uptown in civilian clothes and the Corps is allowed to go to mixers in civilian clothes. Second Classmen are allowed to have cars on post. Pushups are once again a part of the Rat Line. These changes and ones similar to them are slowly bringing the Corps standard of living up.

Other changes however seem to point to major changes in the focus of the VMI education. They are the ones that seem to be tampering with the mysterious and little understood VMI experience that makes VMI graduates so successful. Sweeping changes have begun to be made to major aspects of VMI and once the dust settles their full impact will be fully felt. Change that looks good on paper often backfire. After years of abiding by the tried and true system, change has been unleashed upon VMI. These changes are to ensure that a VMI diploma does not become a second rate one.

VMI has embarked upon a great challenge of modernization while trying at the same time to keep VMI as successful and unique that it is. But how much change and how quickly it should be implemented are the unanswered questions. The changes must go on in order to bring the school out of years of dormancy. Restraint must be shown so that VMI does not lose those aspects that ensures that its success story will continue.









ASPECTS

Life in the Corp

Living at VMI is like living in another world. We have different values, different concerns and a different language than the outside. It is difficult to explain cadet life at VMI because it is a constantly changing one. The Aspects section will try to show what makes our life so unique.



Candid Color Photography



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The morning broke cool and overcast with a slight drizzle hazing down on VMI. Cadre had already been awake for several hours when the first of some four hundred new matriculants began arriving. Young boys from all over the country were embarking on their goal to become men; VMI men.

The S-5 staff led the matriculants through the in-processing procedures with very few incidents. Meanwhile, Cadre members were chomping at the bit just waiting to get at the "new meat."

The friendly S-5's completed their last task at 1520; forming the matriculants in the New Courtyard. From this point on, the ball was in Cadre's court. At 1530 Cadre marched into the courtyard with all the snap and pop of trained professionals. The pre-strains were on the way to becoming Rats.

The pre-strains were run through the matrix of processing. This included the tedious task of uniform issue, haircuts, and company room. The more stressful tasks were interspersed throughout the matrix. There was the experience of meeting the RDC on a personal level to receive the most protected piece; the Rat Bible. Cadre was also responsible for making sure that the pre-strains were fed in the wonderful atmosphere of Crozet hall. The hectic day ended when the pre-strains were put to bed at roughly 2300, or so they thought. Hell-night began with a "bang" at approximately 0100. The soon to be rats were forced into Cocke hall for their first formal lesson on how to strain. They were then rushed into the courtyard for their first sweat-party. At this point they had earned the right to be called Rats.

The following morning the Rats were awoken and taught how to PT, VMI style. After breakfast, the Rats began to learn the ways of the military. In just a short week they had to learn how to march, salute, and perform basic rifle manual. By this time the majority of Cadre were popping throat lozenges and gargling Chlo-



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Training for the new cadets is broken down into different blocks of instruction.



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During the first work-out the rats realize they have entered a world of self-sacrifice.
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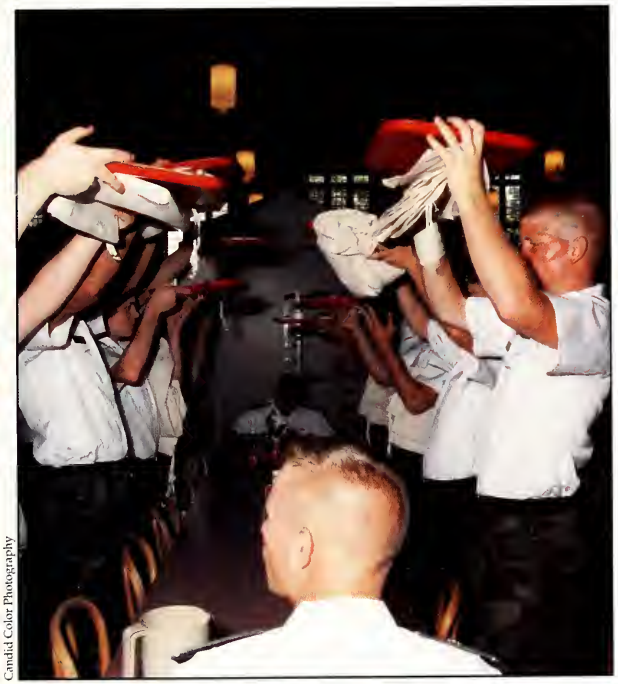


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The Rats marching to the Crozet Hall where they will wine and dine with their beloved cadre members on a culinary delight.

Chow Time at Crozet. The Rats of Golf Company showing their cadre that they are ready to leave for more training.



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raseptic.

Among the numerous heat casualties, there were many S-5 casualties. These were the ones that couldn't hack the rigors of the system or the constant attention from Cadre.

The week ended with as much intensity as it began. The only significant marking of the end of Cadre was the arrival of the Old Corps. It was at this point that Cadre let the entire system run the lives of the Rats.

By Dave Stokes



Rats, meet your RDC! In their first meeting with the RDC the new rat mass quickly learns that the RDC is a group to be avoided.



Candid Color Photography

These rats studying the source of all knowledge for rats, the Rat Bible. Rats must keep this book in their possessions at all times.

Homecoming Hops this year was also the first Hops of the year. As such, there is much more expectations about this hops than others that came. It was an opportunity to spend a great weekend with a girlfriend or with a few Brother Rats.

After we finished the customary Friday evening parade, our minds began to wander to what lay ahead. First thoughts were to getting off post to sip on a few cold brews. Pizzas were ordered and cadets were able to spend a few moments talking to their dates. But soon, nine o'clock rolled around and we were racing back to post in order to get to the hops and earn our privileges. We found the band to be an excellent Motown band that kept the crowd going. The Corps got down and gatered when "Shout" was played and all had a good time. Eleven o'clock rolled around and soon the dance floor was deserted and one had to go to the hotels to find the action. After a few hours of excitement we headed back to barracks in order to make our GP sticks.

Saturday morning classes were hard to stay awake in, that is if one made it to them. However, one o'clock rolled around and we marched down to the game against Lafayette State. The rowdy section was in full swing and we passed the time getting numb. The Homecoming court was presented at the half-time show. Afterwards, we left for a bit to eat and to begin partying again.

We found our way back to the Hops on Friday night and enjoyed ourselves on the dance floor again. Afterwards it was back to the hotels to raise some hell and blow off some steam.

Sunday came and we swore that next hops we would never again drink. Not! As we said good-bye to our dates we wondered if next hops would equal the great times that we had enjoyed. _____

By John H. Zackrison



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Keith Frantz and several other cadets with their dates outside of the Hop, waiting to earn their privileges.



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Homecoming Queen Irenie Misea being crowned during the half-time ceremonies on the parade deck.

The VMI Keydets readying for another play that would leave them victorious over Lafayette State.







Candid Color Photography

Friday night at Homecoming Hops with all the ladies.

Mike Wright getting down and crazy with the Band.

The Court

Each company chooses a lovely lady to represent them on the Homecoming court. The Cadet Program Board then decides which lady is to receive the honor of being the VMI homecoming Queen.



Miss Irenie Misea - Bravo
Doug Vincent



Miss Cathy Faber - Alpha
Jerry Allen



Miss Michelle Granitz - Charlie
Michael Johnson



Miss Carroll McMath - Delta
Chuck Weatherman



Miss Donna Griffith - Echo
James King



Miss Sarah Pruith - Foxtrot
Reade Nichols



Miss Shannon Seaman - Golf
Brian Canaday



Miss Tanya Weaner - Hotel
Trent Warner



Miss Katherine Jones - India
Thomas Johnson



Miss Amy Brocata - Band
Deacon Maddox



Candid Color Photography

▲The Corps marching onto the football field for the Corps trip at Norfork.
▶Going over a Lafayette defender to earn another first down.



Candid Color Photography

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Rats knocking out push-ups for another Keydet score on the gridiron.



The Corps Roots the Loudest and kills the Spider.

This year all cadets had the opportunity to attend two corp trips; the game against University of Richmond and the Oyster Bowl in Norfolk.

The Richmond game fell on the last weekend in September and held a special significance as it was the first weekend away from V. M. I. for the rats. On Friday after the retreat parade, the roads leading from Lexington were crowded with cadets on furlough. Saturday morning came quickly and the Corps formed up to march on the field at Richmond. Despite the hot sun which made the concrete stadium unbearable in grey blouse, all cadets attending stood throughout the game to cheer our team as they squared off with Richmond on the unfamiliar astro-turf field. Just as their dykes did before them in 1988, the rats charged Richmond's mascot, the spider, during the fourth quarter of play. Unfortunately, an ugly scene occurred when several inebriated U. R. frat brothers tried to protect the spider with physical force. Their few punches were violently returned by the rats and at one point several were held at bay by a guidon wielding new cadet. By the time cool headed RDC members herded the rats back to our stands, damage had been done; several bystanders were injured during the brawl. The end result was a victory against U. R. on the field, a small tarnish to the corp's image, and a trip to Richmond by the first class president to apologize.

On the final weekend of October the corps traveled to Norfolk for the Oyster Bowl game against the Citadel. Again, the corps was given a furlough from Friday afternoon until Sunday night with the game being the only formation for the weekend. Led by the band, the cadets marched on to the field prior to the game. Always a big rival, the Citadel managed to come out on top this year, despite the great effort expounded by the big red team.

Both trips allowed the corp to have a weekend out while at the same time marching on the field made for good public relations. The traveling spirit of the corp was a boost to our team on the field as well.

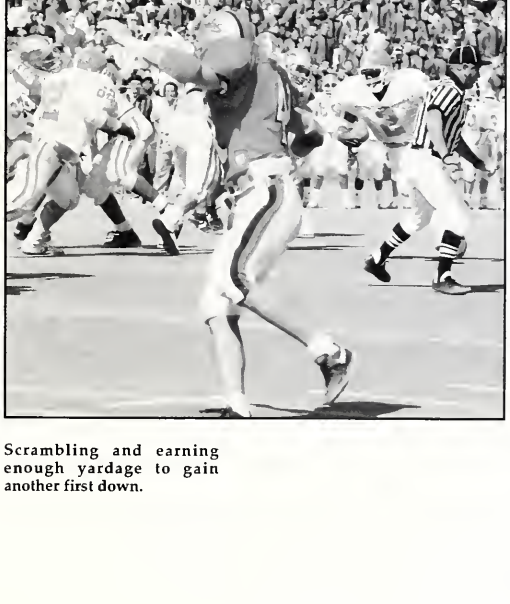
... "Kill the Spider, Kill the Spider, Kill the Spider, Kill the Spider, Kill the Spider ... "

By Tom Gnecco



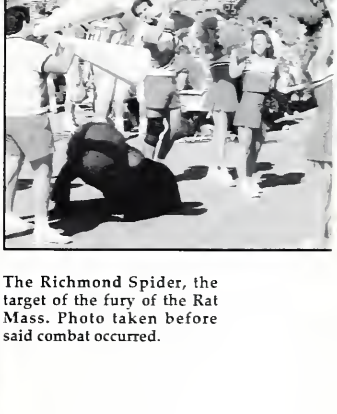
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A future Rat takes part in the Corps march-in.



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Scrambling and earning enough yardage to gain another first down.



Candid Color Photography

The Richmond Spider, the target of the fury of the Rat Mass. Photo taken before said combat occurred.

RING BROTHERHOOD

The Class of 1993 earn their rings on October 18, 1991

It was a time for ... work. '92's Ring figure was over and our's was next. There were many hours to be worked, money to be raised, a ring to be designed, and a party to be planned. Cresten Long, Class Treasurer, and Dave Stokes, TCFC '93 chairman, and the TCFC committee spent many hours raising the thousands of dollars required for RF '93. Tom Carlsen and the Ring Design Committee met with Art-Carved in January and produced a ring. Alan Hill, Ring Figure Chairman, was in charge of making the weekend go smoothly.

...planning. When we returned in August there were less than 70 days until RF '93. There were dates to be found, hotel rooms to be reserved, and many bills to be paid. On the second stoop there was a veritable plethora of activity; meetings, late nights work, and arrangements to be made to ensure the success of this great event.

... celebration. The parties began on Tuesday, legally and illegally. Ring Figure was finally here and nothing else mattered. It was a week when academic suicide was the norm and consumption of the evil firewater was a regular occurrence. Wednesday, Art-carved arrived with the rings, and final checks were made. Thursday, family and dates began to arrive; the anticipation mounted. We partied anywhere, everywhere, with anyone.

... The Ring. Friday was here, and as we formed up in the old courtyard, we were ready to become a part of the Brotherhood of the Ring. Mr. James Enochs spoke to the class, and the time had arrived. The roll call began, in



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Lost in the Supermarket played, and we danced ...



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... among other things.



order we received our rings, as the last name was called a cheer rose from our class; Let the party begin. We left with our families and dates, showed off our rings and prepared for the Formal. The figure was formed, our dates put the rings on our fingers, and the dance began. The Boneshakers entertained through the evening, and then the parties moved to the hotels to continue all night. The next day was spent at Zolloman's with Art Awareness Ensemble. The evening kept rolling with the tent party at the Day's Inn. Lost In the Supermarket played, and we danced, among other things. The party lasted through the night and on into Sunday. Slowly the weekend wound down, dates left, and we began the long trail back to sobriety and barracks. RF '93 ended.

By Jay Goodwin

This group of environmentally minded partiers opts for one great big can instead of many small ones.





Room 215 has no problem showing off their new rings and women.

Who said this jeep only holds four? Anything can happen at Ring Figure.

REMEMBERING SACRIFICE

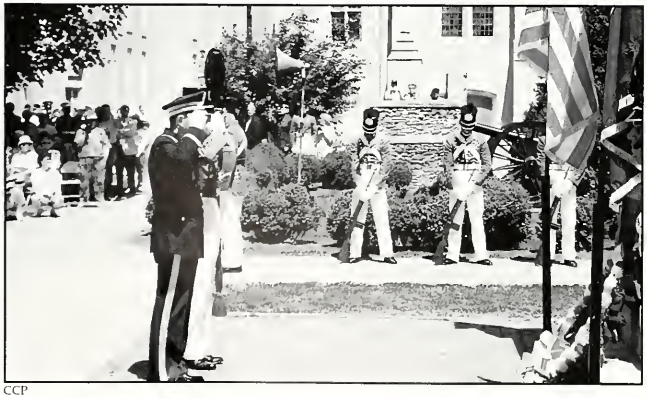
The Corp Honors its New Market Heros

On May 15, 1864, the Corps of the Virginia Military Institute was tested in battle and proved itself through courage. The Corps had been called from the Institute on the evening of May 9, in order to help stop a Union advance through the Shenendoah Valley. They marched until they linked up with the Confederate forces under the command of General Breckenridge at New Market, VA. He intended to use the Corps as a reserve, but when a gap in his lines formed near the Bushong Farm he was forced to move them into the line. After repulsing a Union charge, they themselves led a charge that broke the Union lines and carried the day for the South. The heritage which the Corps established that day at New Market, lives on today and is commemorated each year on the anniversary of that glorious battle.

On that day, ten young cadets gave the supreme sacrifice in battle, fighting for a cause to which they were completely dedicated. The dedication and sacrifice which these men exhibited that day is honored by the Corps every May 15. Breaking from the daily routine, the Corps offers a very solemn, dignified parade in remembrance of those honorable youths. The Corps forms in front of "Virginia Mourning her Dead" and a roll call of the fallen cadets is taken. "Died on the field of honor, Sir!" is the answer to each of the dead's name. Afterwards, the long echoing of taps is heard, causing every cadet and visitor to reflect on the traditions of duty, honor and country that the fallen had begun at VMI. These traditions have been passed down to each succeeding generation of cadets that has passed through Limits Gates. It provides a base from which each cadet can grow and may be whatever he resolves to be.

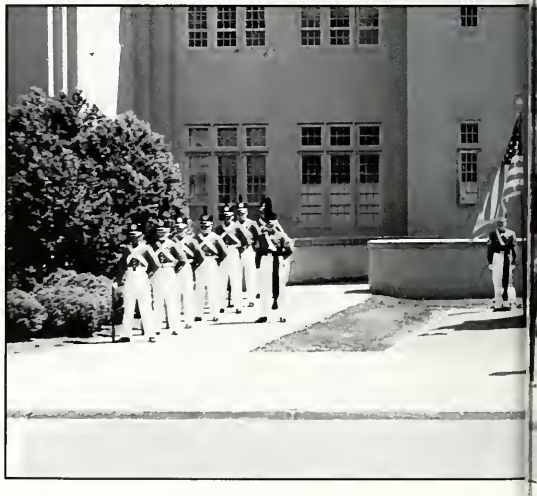
By J. Zackrison & Pete Shea





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Col. Bissell and the RC saluting the fallen cadets.





The graves of six of the fallen are adorned with flowers in recognition of their supreme sacrifice.

The laying of the wreath at "Virginia Mourning Her Dead" following the roll call of the fallen 10.



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The center of the New Market Day ceremonies takes place at the foot of "Virginia Mourning Her Dead," the work of Sir Moses Ezekiel '66.

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HONORING VETERANS

The Institute Honors Those Who Answered the Call in Kuwait

The Institute honored her new war veterans on Desert Storm Appreciation Day, 12 October 1991. 118 Alumni and cadets returned for the day, which started with a reception at the Superintendent's house. After cocktails, the veterans trickled out and made their way out to the reviewing stand. Dignitaries who reviewed the parade included the Kuwaiti ambassador to the United States, Shaikh Saud Nasir Al-Sabah, who gave a special thanks to the Institute which provided many key individuals in the effort to free his country. Virginia Delegate W. P. "Billy" Robinson, Virginia's senior U. S. Senator John Warner, and Congressman L. F. Payne '67 were also members of the reviewing party. Delegate Robinson introduced a resolution to the Virginia General Assembly commending VMI for her contribution of more than 500 alumni and cadets who answered the call to duty. The alumni and distinguished guests watched and the Corps marched in their usual precision. F-Troop won the review for the day. The veterans were rushed to the Superintendent's box to watch the football game against William and Mary. At halftime there was another ceremony, when the Superintendent addressed the Keydet fans. Joining Gen. Knapp was Gen. Granville, Delegate Robinson, and the five cadet veterans, J. B. Call '95, Richard Pitchford '95, Adam Maurer '95, Joseph Davis '94, and Harrison Kelly '94.

By Adam Maurer

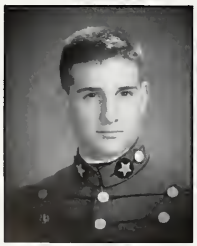


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Dedication



MAJ Zeugner KIA



Lt. Plunk KIA

The 1992 Bomb is dedicated to Major Zeugner and Lieutenant Plunk. Their ultimate sacrifice will always be remembered by the Institute.

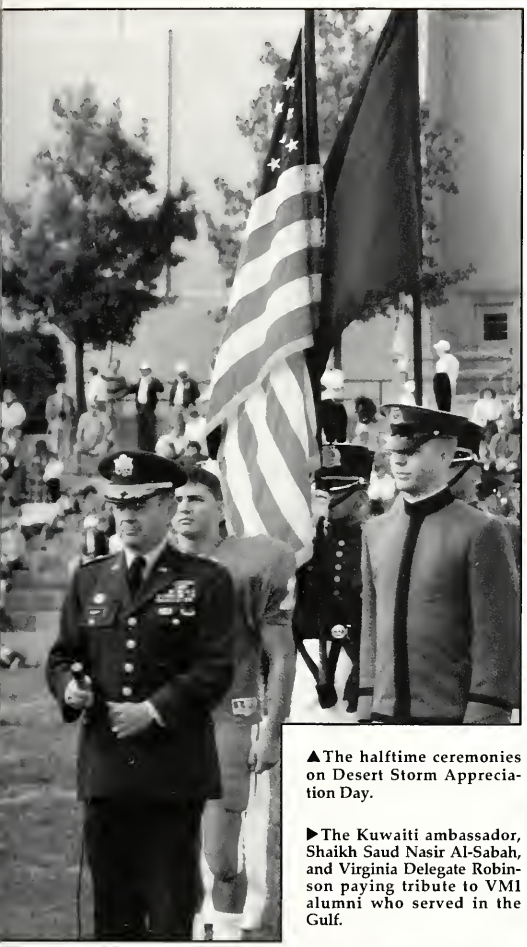


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Desert Storm

On 2 August 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. Despite protests, the United States and a number of other nations formed a coalition to free the tiny nation from Iraq and Saddam Hussein. By the beginning of October, Hussein had more than 360,000 troops in Kuwait. The coalition responded with a massive build-up of troops in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. By the end of the year, coalition forces numbered over a half a million. The United States prepared to move from the defense to offense. President Bush declared a January 15th deadline for the Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. As the deadline came, many hurried attempts at a peace agreement were turned down. The deadline came and passed, and both sides prepared themselves for the worst. Two days after the deadline, the allies began their bombing of Baghdad. Five weeks later, over 100,000 sorties had been flown. Allied commanders, led by Gen. Schwarzkopf, hoped the continued air war would reduce the land casualties. In February, the long awaited G-Day, the beginning of the ground war, arrived. After 100 bloody hours, a peace settlement was reached, along with the withdrawal of Iraqi troop from Kuwait. Kuwait was devasted, but finally free.

By Adam Maurer



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▲The halftime ceremonies on Desert Storm Appreciation Day.

▶The Kuwaiti ambassador, Shaikh Saud Nasir Al-Sabah, and Virginia Delegate Robinson paying tribute to VMI alumni who served in the Gulf.



Edward J. Rivas



◀Adam Maurer examines the wreckage of an Iraqi tank on the road to Kuwait. Maurer served with the 513th MI Bde.



▲A soldier giving the alarm for "GAS!" the night the barracks in Dharan were hit with an Iraqi SCUD missile.

ACADEMIC GRIND

The Key to a Diploma Lies in Success in Academics

Every cadet arrives at VMI on Matriculation day in search of higher education. VMI is a unique Institution where higher education is based upon a three legged stool concept. The stool is meant to be a balance between academics, military duty and athletics to ensure a total education is acquired. However, cadets often find it quite difficult to finish academic assignments in the face of these military, athletic and general social obligations.

Due to these extra burdens, cadets often find themselves behind the power curve and must pull all-nighters in order to make up the difference. These all-nighters in turn sometimes compound the problem as cadets find themselves falling asleep in class. In order to combat this problem, teachers often take extreme measures to ensure the consciousness of their students. These measures range from having cadets stand in class to the use of battery powered water-guns.

A VMI education is gained not only through regular classes but through the varied challenges placed upon the cadets as he quests to earn his diploma. He learns the art of time management and learns to cope with extreme stress. Procrastination is another pitfall which cadets learn to overcome as a part of this time management.

A VMI diploma, regardless of major or the actual GPA, carries a great deal of significance to its recipients. This significance is because of the number of challenges overcome in its attainment as well as the abnormally high number of credit hours which it requires.

By J Zackrison & Pete Shea



Dave Stokes



Dave Stokes



Major Henry teaching an early morning section of International Economics, a popular elective for cadets.

The Rack Monster making its daily attack upon cadets regardless of how much they attempt to stay awake.



Biology students enjoying the use of the modern facilities available at the New Science Building.



Dave Stokes

Civil Engineering cadets practicing surveying skills upon the parade deck.

"Academics is not the primary source of education at the Virginia Military Institute."



Dave Stokes



Dave Stokes

Rats participating in the required Rat Chemistry Courses.

GUARD TOUR

The Key to a Diploma Lies in Success in Academics

Guard Duty. A dreaded aspect of cadet life which every man must endure. Ever since Cadet John B. Strange began marching his post on that cold November day in 1839, cadets have been tasked with protecting the institute and maintaining order in the barracks. Today, however, the purpose of the guard team centers on the latter of the two missions, as sentinels are tasked with maintaining quiet during study hours, ensuring that cadets stay properly dressed, and keeping civilians from entering our home.

As a rat, one can only look forward to marching endless hours as a sentinel and running messages to cadets' rooms. In keeping with tradition, the posting of the first rat sentinel of the year includes a ceremony in which the rat is stripped of his garments and covered in everything from toilet paper to shaving cream.

During their third class year, cadets serve as either corporals of the guard or as orderlies. As corporals, the thirds must ensure that their sentinels are posted and doing their jobs. As orderlies, they are tasked with answering the hundreds of phone calls and messages from girlfriends, mothers, fathers, and friends which are sent to cadets daily.

With the second class year comes the added responsibilities of the positions of recorder or sergeant of the guard. Seconds who serve as recorders are tasked with the tedious job of recording bones, sending out status slips, and sorting out any other paper work that happens to come their way. This is without a doubt the least glamorous of any guard team position and one that is not strongly desired. Second classmen who serve as the sergeant of the guard must ensure that the corporals and sentinels are doing their jobs and that the colors are posted or secured.

Commanding the guard team is the Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard. While some sick and devious individuals see being O. D. as their chance to set new records on how many bones they can rack up, others try to think of ways to avoid seeing the numerous infractions that occur around them. While some tours are quiet, others may be filled with riots or mayhem caused by rat uprisings, causing even more grief to the one cadet in barracks



Shane Grizzard

OD Dave Bradely and OG Brian Kelly making rounds.



Shane Grizzard



John Zackrison

A Rat marches Sentinel duty during the day.





hane Grizzard

who is bound by honor to bone.

As with anything else, cadets make the best out of a bad situation and make their 24 hour tour as easy as possible. Most first classmen go on guard with a BR who is a roommate or close friend. Together, they spend as much time as possible ensuring that the PX is secure, the television programs acceptable, the food and drink plentiful, and that the ladies remain orderly. Meanwhile, back in the guardroom, the recorders and orderlies are busy with a multitude of young women who enter, screening their personal appearance and proofreading their messages. Out in the courtyards, the sentinels are usually entertained by the various games of football or baseball which they are supposed to be putting a stop to. Outside the barracks, the lone rat sentinel can be found standing outside of Lejuene Hall, taking in the sights, or standing on the backside of barracks, listening to music emanating from a radio which is playing too loud or helping a first classman to climb into his window. But the perks don't stop there! Besides missing a day of classes, most guard team members can look forward to a scrumptious steak dinner in Club Crozet. Of course, the biggest perk to result from guard is the ever popular hay down privilege, largely since this is the first place cadets head when they complete their tour.

With men such as these protecting the institute, John B. Strange can rest in peace, knowing the "Healthful and Pleasant Abode" remains so today.

By Frank Harrar



Shane Grizzard

At times even the OD can forget what he is doing.



Shane Grizzard

The passing of the OD duty from one First to another.

BARRACKS LIFE

Life at VMI is an Endless cycle of Academic and Institute Work

What's it like in Barracks? This is the question that all girlfriends and parents are trying to find the answer to. It is a place for the Corps to seek refuge from the outside world and it is decidedly ours. We detest any invasion by strangers; only those who are invited are welcome. It is our home for our years as a cadet. What do we do here? Everything happens in the Barracks.

We live here. Although when it comes time to check the mailbox, we sometimes doubt that anyone else knows we live here. Four men in a room is the norm, and at times, the more the merrier. The spartan conditions and lack of privacy that we all endure, gives us an appreciation for the finer things in life; like hallways between your room and the shower, telephones, and TP. Barracks contains almost everything a cadet needs to survive; everything else we bring in with us.

We work here. Work may comprise anything from actually studying, to being duty company to being on guard. As a cadet, it is against the rules of the Institute to actually have a job. However, any cadet can tell you that Mother "I" keeps us more than occupied with other things to do. Guard is a part of cadet life that no one can miss out on, and no one does. The daily guard team is in charge of keeping gen-



John Zuckerson
Keith Peloquin



Evening Bull time on the stoop for several First.



Marshall Geyer, and Rhyett Vause collecting their mail.



Allen Lunsford playing with Amos in the courtyard.



Keith Peloquin



Keith Peloquin

The woolies burning ceremony in the New Court Yard marks the beginnings of a new season.

eral order in barracks. Meanwhile, the rest of the corps tries to maintain a state of disorder in Barracks.

We play here. Free time for cadets is used for extracurricular activities. These may range from a pick-up game of football or baseball to a game of catch with Amos, the Barracks pet. The evenings during the academic week usually entail hours filled with room games, general BS sessions, or room wars. After Taps, the night life changes to more illegal activities for those still refusing to study. Stoop gatherings are common, but the more daring prefer the after-taps room party. These parties sometimes attract visitors to barracks that can be seen wandering in the shadows in hooded robes from room to room. Of course, there are others in Barracks that wander the shadows on more official business. The OCMNI has a great bearing on the night life of Barracks because if it is run early enough, we play somewhere else.

Jay Goodwin

DAILY GRIND

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Repetition and routine are daily reminders to us of the unique life that we lead here at VMI. The days drag on, but the weeks fly by as day in and day out we move according to the master VMI schedule. From the early morning Breakfast Roll Call formation to the late night bull sessions, we find that we lose touch with the outside world as we act out our role in the daily grid. Rising early in the morning for BRC and its unpleasant uniform inspections, we stagger back to our racks for a few more minutes of rest before the academic leg of our life kicks in. We wake up at ten minute call in order to put up our racks and ensure that our rooms are in the necessary MI order. We then stroll to our first CPs relying on our experience to get us there just before the bell rings. After we finish up our morning CPs, we make the necessary stop at the confinement sheets to sign off the checks so that we do not get boned once again. Now, we are off to Crozet hall where we partake in another hearty meal. About this time, our blood begins flowing, our brains finally begin to function, and we commiserate with each other about our daily trials and

> ***"... we find that we lose touch with the outside world ..."***



Shane Grizzard



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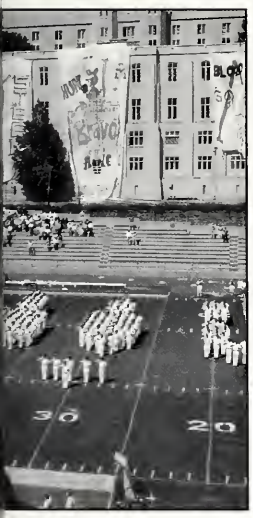
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Guard Mount. Guard teams change everyday and the duty and inspections are daily occurrences at the Institute.



tribulations. Then it's back to academics and the required attendance of more CPs until military duty rolls around at 1545 hours. At this time there is a slight change in our lives as our daily mil duty changes according to the days of the week. Sometimes, this is our only indication as to exactly which day of the week it is. After mil duty, evening sets in with SRC formation, and we prepare to tackle our evening homework assignments. Finally, after our work is finished, we participate in our late night bull sessions. Following this, we end the day by laying ourselves down for a few hours rest before the bugle once again wakes us up for another day and we find ourselves struggling through the daily grind.

By J Zackrison & Pete Shea



Marchdown to football games and madatory attendance.



John Zackrison

◀▲One of the daily mandatory formations — SRC. Only First and Second Classmen are able to miss this dreaded formation.

Marching is an integral part of our lives. These cadets are preparing to once again march a Friday parade.

RAT REGIMEN

Straining and Confusion Mark the Days for a Rat

Rat Life has long been thought an oxymoron, like Military Intelligence or Jumbo Shrimp. From the Fourth stoop, where we study, sleep, and clean, to the first stoop and our dykes' room, where we can rack and listen to some sorely missed music, the barracks is the heart of the rat's life, a very dismal and Spartan existence. But, in actuality, a rat's real life starts when he leaves the barracks behind. The hops have proven to be a high-life of the rat line, giving us the free time to pursue women and wine. The few hours between the end of the hop and 02:00 are well spent with our dates and brother rats. Days Inn, Howard Johnson, and the Barnes were no strangers to the rowdy partying of the class of '95. With the help of our dykes and a few adventurous BRs, the transportation problem was solved. Besides the hops, the occasional GP into Lex Vegas allowed us to eat an edible meal at Spanky's or the Palms, and catch a movie. It also gave us a chance to try to convince W&L girls that we are the bald-headed gentlemen that our reputation says we are. But when the little hand on our watches approaches eleven, we have to tip our hats and sprint back to the bar-

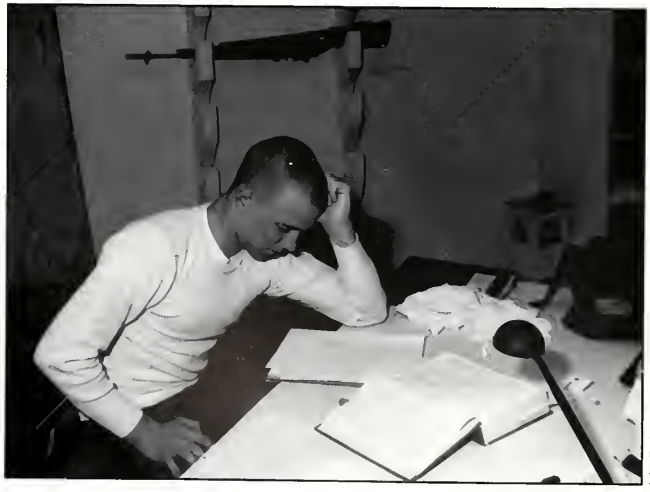
> ***"... the barracks is the heart of the rat's life, a very dismal existence."***



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▲Academics are an integral part of the three-legged stool of VMI.

▶The Class of '95 showing class unity and spirit, doing pushups in support of the Keydets.

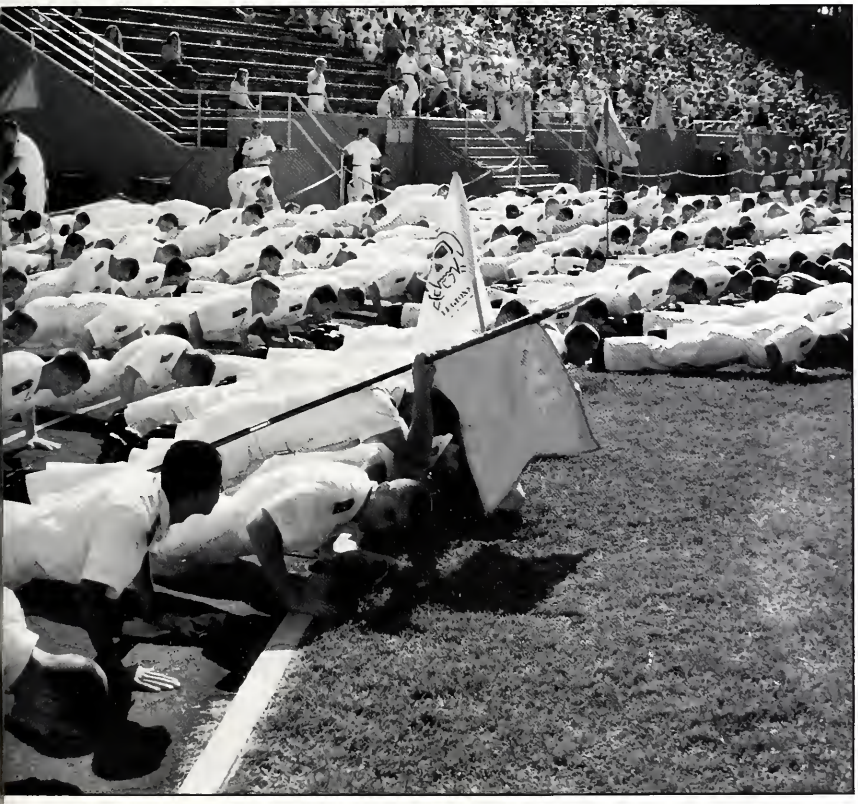


◀The hops give the rat an opportunity to relax, spend some quality time with his date, and get ready for the ensuing parties afterwards.

▼During cadre week, this third instructs our BR to say "CHEEESE!" for the camera.



John Zackrison



racks. The barracks had its own fun, known as the third stoop, where we could stop and answer questions that the thirds have been pondering, like who's on the Honor Court, the GC, the ODC, the RDC, or the ARA. Sometimes the thirds, frustrated because we couldn't answer their questions, helped us by correcting our strain or finning us out. Too often, they invited us to the RDC, where we could meet the members first-hand. When this became tedious we could head down to the second stoop, where the second class could help our PT by dropping us for pushups. After we tired of that, we could travel to our dyke's room, a relatively safe haven from the harm's way. Our dykes got our eagerly awaited mail, and we "handled their hay in any manner." The friendship went past that though, they taught us the ways of the I. They explained the finer points of the demerit system, telling us how to bone ourselves after getting caught in their rooms during the OCNI. They helped us academically, giving us incentives to do better, as academics are part of three-legged stool of VMI. As rats, we spent the majority of our time preparing for the rigors of class. The class work was up to each one of us, while everything else was up to the rat mass. From the forced marches, to the sweat parties, to the hotel parties, we couldn't have done it without each other, Brother Rats!

By Adam Maurer

STUDY ABROAD

Adding an International Flair to Education

October 3, 1990 was a milestone in the course of German history. It marked the reunification of a nation divided by communist rule for over forty years. As fireworks signalling this monumental event erupted in the night sky over Berlin, cadets from the **Class of 1992** were there as VMI's own eyewitnesses to the Reunification of Germany.

The Virginia Military Institute in conjunction with the Universities of the Federal Armed Forces of Germany, se lected cadets Rick A. Mathena, Mark E. McCary, and James R. Vaughan to study abroad during the 1990-1991 academic year. In addition to an academic curriculum conducted entirely in German, these cadets were given the privilege of studying in an environment normally reserved only for German officers and officer candidates. Military training conducted through the Bundeswehr universities also allowed for participation in a completely diverse military system.

Most appropriately cadets Mathena, McCary, and Vaughan made sure they found time to visit their Brother Rat, Alexander R. Luther, (German Native from Bavaria). From this and other such opportunities, they gained first hand knowledge of the problems, lifestyle and culture of a foreign country.

This year three representatives of the Institute are continuing the tradition of studying in Hamburg and Munich at the "Universitaeten der Bundeswehr."

By Mark Edward McCary



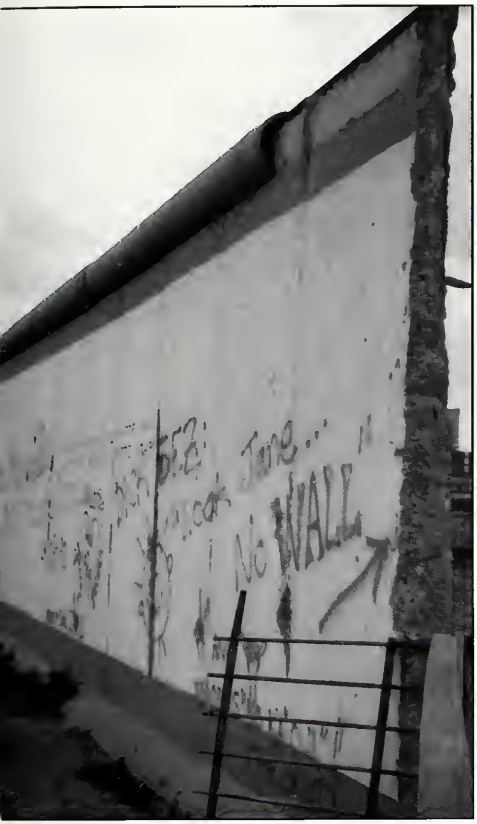
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Cadet James R. Vaughan

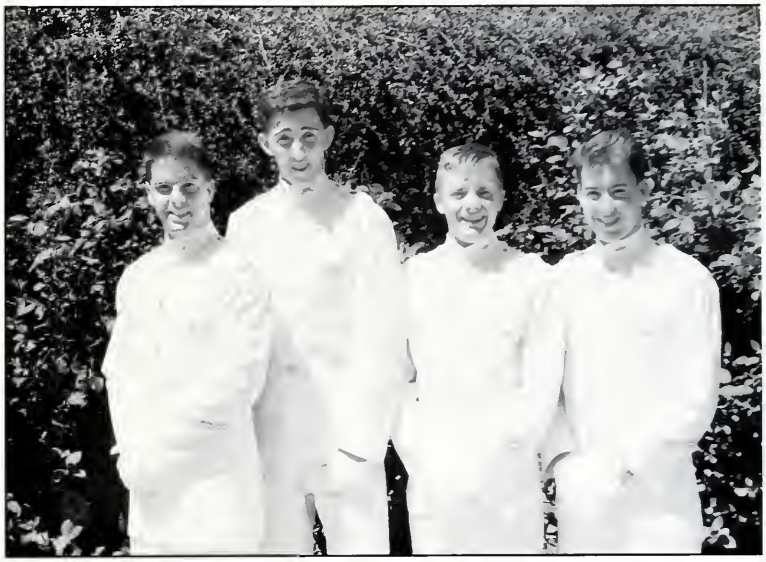
◀Cadets Mark E. McCary, and James R. Vaughan stand in front of the famous Brandenburg Gate during the festivities held in Berlin during the night of German Reunification, 2-3 October, 1990.



John Hartig

◀The last remnants of the infamous Berlin Wall stand in Berlin at Potsdamer Platz, 22 June, 1991.

▼Cadets Rick A. Mathena, Alexander R. Luther, Mark E. McCary, and James R. Vaughan stand in the Memorial Gardens, 9 May, 1990.



Professor Tom Leech



Lt Jake Tokey

▲Allied Forces from the Uni-Bw in Hamburg ready themselves for a forced march through the Sachsenwald, March, 1991.

▶Oberfaehnrich Luther prepares for a mechanized infantry training exercise in southern Germany, September, 1990.



RAT TRAINING

Getting in shape and getting it together

During a typical day at the Institute, a rat must overcome the usual barrage of upperclass harassment and tackle the full academic load which is all part of the challenges of The Ratline. However, on each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, the rat faces a more motivating and refreshing set of challenges: Rat Training. Under the supervision of the P.E. Department and a well-trained upper class cadre, the rats gain an all new sense of self-confidence and unity through courses designed to teach as well as condition physically. A typical day at rat training may consist of such diverse activities as circuit courses, distance runs, rappelling and climbing, obstacle course runs, solving field problems, and pugil-stick sparring. Some of the more popular events are the traditional trek to the top of House Mountain, wrestling matches in the "ranger pit," and plunging into the Maury River from a high tree branch.

The culmination of Rat Training usually comes at the end of the semester with the annual Rat Olympics in which the rat companies go head-to-head, competing against each other in many of the rat training events. In the end, what the rat gets out of rat training is a strong sense of unity among his peers, a better physical condition, and the courage and confidence to overcome any challenges that may happen to come his way. Additionally, the upper class cadre receives a type of leadership experience that is offered by no other activity on post.

By Frank Harrar



Shane Grizzard



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As a Rat attempts the last obstacle of the marine O-Course he struggles to reach the top of the rope.



◀Two Rats battle it out at the pugil sticks station.

▼Deep in concentration a Rat cautiously repels down a cliff.



Shane Grizzard



Shane Grizzard



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▲A member of the repelling station cadre makes sure the repelling bridge is safe.

◀ In a "Battle Royal" the Rats rumble in the Pit.

KEYDET GALA

A HOPS and Barley Weekend

Hops, as defined by the American Heritage Dictionary, reads: "Hops. The dried flowers of this plant used as a flavoring in brewing beer." Though this definition does tend to be pertinent to any discussion of a VMI hop weekend, it certainly doesn't begin to describe the essence of a hop weekend.

A hop weekend really starts off Friday afternoon while the cadets are preparing for parade and the arches seem to be overrun with attractive young women who are busily trying to spot "their" cadet. Following another "perfect" parade (NOT!), it's off to dinner and the pre-hop parties. When nine-o'clock rolls around, everyone straggles into a crepe-paper transformed Cocke Hall to begin the required two hour wait so that they can return to the hotels for the post-hop parties. This time is not wasted, however, for during this period the cadets and their dates remain entertained by dancing the night away to the music of a live band and feasting on the delectable refreshments provided by ARA services. Then, as the the long-awaited eleventh hour approaches, the transformed gymnasium becomes more deserted than the Physics line on registration day, as the cadets venture forth to take advantage of their newly earned privileges. Back at the hotels, the previously mentioned "hops" continue to be consumed (or expelled) by the young men and their ladies as the ever-vigilant courtesy patrol strives to keep the situation well in hand. As the night's festivities draw to a close, the cadets filter back into barracks with loathesome thoughts of Saturday morning classes looming in their heads.

Saturday evening, the cycle begins again. Following dinner and a knee-trembler, the cadet and his lady return to Cocke Hall to entertain themselves while waiting for privileges to take effect. At this point, the cadets then return to the hotels of Lexington to do what they do best until the wee hours of the morning. Later that Sunday, words are spoken and hearts are broken as the keydets bid their ladies farewell and return to the daily grind.

While adding to the unique character of VMI, hops offer a welcome break from the challenging routines of day to day cadet life and provide a pleasing change of scenery to our all male environment.

By Frank Harrar



Adam Maurer



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▲Dateless and on confinement, Mark Witecki works off PT's at a Hop.

◀First classmen with their dates and rats at a Saturday night Hop.

Adam Maurer



Rats always seem to enjoy hops the most.

SUMMER TRAINING

Army Training

During the summer months, ninety-four Army cadets completed various Army training schools. The majority of these cadets, fourty-nine, went to Camp Adventure 1991 where they competed against cadets from around the country. Their evaluation was a deciding factor in their assessment in to the Army. This year, fifty-one percent of the 1992 VMI year group scored in the top thirty percent bracket among their peers. This is the best performance of any class under the current grading system.

Additional training opportunities existed for other than MS III cadets. Numerous cadets attended parachute training at Ft. Benning, GA and earned their parachutist badges. Two cadets completed training at Army's Master Fitness Trainer Course at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN. One cadet became VMI's first cadet to complete the Sapper Leader's course at the U. S. Engineer School at Ft. Leonardwood, MO. Another two cadets earned their air assault badges at Ft. Rucker, AL.

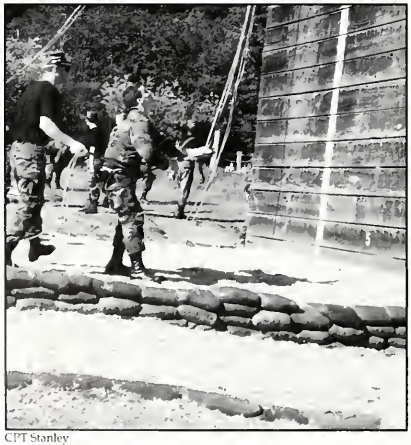
Four cadets completed Cadet Leadership Training with active army units following their attendance at ROTC advanced camp. They served as third lieutenants during the duration of their training. Dave Womack served in Korea, Todd Viar served in Germany and John Zackrison and Mark Thackson served at Fort Still, Ok.

By John Zackrison



Cpl Shuller

▶Cadets Erik Fuller, Todd Pegg, and Jeff Eget complete their summer training with their National Guard unit.



CPT Stanley

John Zackrison completes the 60 foot rappel at the Recondo course at ROTC Advanced Camp.



Fran Nash

John Zackrison pulls guard duty with an M249 on his platoon's defensive perimeter.

SUMMER TRAINING

Navy Training

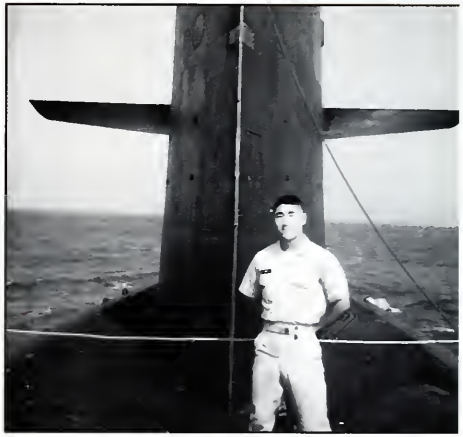
Each summer, many of the midshipmen of VMI's Naval ROTC detachment can be found "living the adventure;" sailing the seas on their summer cruise training. While on cruise training, midshipmen are exposed to the various Naval communities such as surface, subsurface and aviation while serving on submarines or surface combat or service support ships. During this time, the midshipmen serve as enlisted sailors under the guidance of a second or third class petty officer, undergoing instruction in such shipboard operations as engineering, weapons/deck operations and damage control.

While this four week cruise is not intended to give the midshipmen on-the-job training in any one occupational specialty, it does expose him to the varied aspects of Navy life while giving him an idea of what will be expected of him as a Naval officer.

Additional training is also offered in other areas of naval training, such as Special Warfare. This past year, first classman Mike Richardson successfully completed the Navy Special Warfare "mini-BUD/S course at Coronado. During this rigorous course, midshipmen were introduced to such areas of special warfare as SCUBA/combat swimming, land navigation, small boat operations, day/night patrolling, and small unit tactics.

By Frank Harrar

Midshipman Benjamin Piper, hunting for the "RED OCTOBER during his summer cruise training.



CPT Rogers



Mike Robb

Franco Neto takes a break on DD 981 John Hancock.



Tony Rogers

Midshipman Franco Neto practices a man overboard drill.

SUMMER TRAINING

Air Force Training

Each summer, a selected number of cadets enhance their preparation for commissions in the United States Air Force. After successfully completing two years at the Institute, Air Force cadets, who meet qualifications and maintain the desire to become officers, attend four weeks of advanced leadership training.

The training is conducted at Air Force bases throughout the country and it is used in the final evaluation of a cadet's officer potential. Survival tactics, drill and ceremonies, small arms instruction and flight orientation are just a few of the activities faced during this four week period. Cadets also prove their abilities in a rigorous physical fitness program including combat and leadership reaction courses.

This first summer of mandatory Field Training is not, however, the only training program available to cadets before their graduation. During the summer before First Class year, pilot candidates attend the Flight Screening Program (formerly called LATR) at Lackland AFB in Texas.

Other training options available to Air Force cadets include; Army Airborne School, Air Force Academy Free Fall School, Survival Escape Rescue and Evation training (SERE), and the Professional Development Program (PDP).

By Mark Edward McCary



Lt Jake Tokev



Lt Edward Konechy

Cadet Jeffrey Vent stands with members of Echo Flight in front of the F-117A Stealth Fighter during Field Training at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, summer 1990.



Ms Maggie Schumacher

▲▲Cadet Keith Peloquin rappels in the Californian sunshine during a Professional Development Program, summer 1991.
▲Cadet Mark Edward McCary tackles the "Dirty Name" during Field Training at Dover AFB in Delaware, summer 1990.

SUMMER TRAINING

Marine Corps Training

Pain, sweat and fatigue are just some ways to describe what the aspiring Marine officer must endure during the summer at Officer Candidate School. Whether it be through the NROTC or PLC programs, all Marine officer candidates must complete the same grueling training course at Quantico, Va. before they can earn the coveted title of Officer of Marines.

Under the watchful eyes of his sergeant instructors, the Marine officer candidate is evaluated in the areas of physical fitness, academics, and leadership potential while undergoing a series of physically and mental demanding courses. Such courses include various obstacle and endurance courses, day/night land navigation, small unit, offensive/defensive tactics, and confidence and reaction courses. Candidates are also instructed and evaluated in weapons care/operation, Marine Corps history and regulations, and close order drill.

The purpose of Officer Candidate School is not to train one to be a Marine, but to evaluate his potential to be an officer and leader of Marines. Only after sweating and straining through rigorous weeks of training and successfully overcoming every obstacle thrown in his direction can the candidate then know that he can rightly wear the coveted title of Officer of Marines in the nation's finest force of fighting men.

By Frank Harrar

James Cherry and fellow Marine Officer Candidates take a pause from training at OCS.



Cadet Schuler



James Cherry

Marine Cadets wait to begin a air mobile operation.

EVENING AWAY

Meeting Southern Belles

What to do, it's late on a Friday afternoon and you're bored, alone, and sober. So you pile all your friends and roommates into your car, head down to East Lex to pick up a case of Natural Light, then head to a mixer. "Mixers" are wild "social" functions held at the many all-female schools.

They are designed as a situation for the gentlemanly cadets to meet respectable young ladies ... yeah, right. Good bands and cold refreshments are always present, along with the occasional guest appearance by the elusive "Land Shark". The evening begins with dancing to your favorite tunes played by a decent band, then you retire to the many parties where the cold refreshments flow ever more freely and the girls get better looking by the ounce. The fun has just begun, that is if you can evade the campus police. If you can keep your raucous friends from engaging in pugalistic contests with the local populace, you may just meet the love of your evening. If you fail to meet your future wife, your twelve ounce best friend is always close at hand.

The evening usually ends up with a mad stagger to your awaiting car, if you can remember where it is, (and designated driver, hopefully!) for your race against death and the stick. (Which is worse?) The evenings fun is quickly forgotten as you stand at BRC and yack all over your neighbors shoes, imagine your head is exploding, and have nothing to look forward to but an eight o'clock class. But you gain solace in your misery with the anticipation of next Friday night. Some of these nights are what fond memories are made of, some you just forget ... and it's better that way.

By M. Richardson & M. Bausch

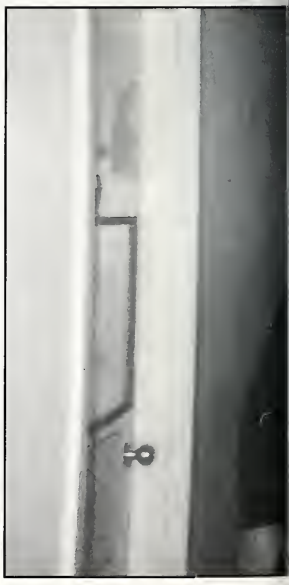


John Zackrison



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These cadets ensure that they quench their thirst at the Mary Baldwin Beer Garden.



John Zackrison



The center of gravity at mixers is the band that is playing, in this case, The Big Red Engine.

Sometimes cadets work at the mixers to gain a few extra bucks. These two are door guards at the MBC Halloween mixer.



John H. Zackrison



◀After attending the dance for a few minutes in order to be all-right for the mixer permit, cadets go a-hunting in the girl dorms.

SINK DWELLERS

The unknown world of the Sink men.

Late at night, as the Corps sleeps, strange forces lurk about below ground. On any given night, if you listen closely, you can hear them. Theirs is a place feared by rats and hated by the administration. They are the men of the infamous sinks: A dying breed of loud howling, hard charging go-getters who stretch the limits of institute regulations in their never-ending pursuit of madness and mayhem.

On any given night, those brave enough to descend into the depths can observe a multitude of curious sights. Activities such as bicycle jousting, bayonet throwing, wall locker bobsledding and body bowling are the norm, as is the remedial fitness and character building sessions for wayward rats. For those seeking other diversions, there are always the late night spades matches or the weekly meetings of the cinema and draft club, in which men can view the hottest new releases in home video. Other highlights include midnight rapelling, high risk grocery runs, and the great Christmas tree heist.

Tucked far away from the eyes of the tactical staff, the men of this underground community take full advantage of their surroundings, holding outdoor barbecues in their own private parking lot or providing points of exit for their brother rats. Additionally, these infamous chambers serve as the hub for all honor court, RDC, and commando operations, as well as serving as a fully manned wrestling arena. In this capacity, the sinks were the location for the famous "Battle Royale" in which the class of '92 courageously beat back wave after wave of raging third classmen to protect their sacred domain.

For all of their daring exploits, the men of the sinks are a dying breed. Unable to control the outrageous exploits of this underground community, the administration has decided to close the sinks as living spaces after this year, ending a decade of subterranean shenanigans in what used to be the corps showers. Nevertheless, the legacy of the Sigma Deltas will live on in the hearts and minds of those who witnessed the daring exploits of these nocturnal cellar dwellers who were driven only to make a better life out of that which the institute had dealt to them. So long live the sinks, and all those who lived there: Fine examples of the type of bold and daring men this institution produces.

By Frank Harrar

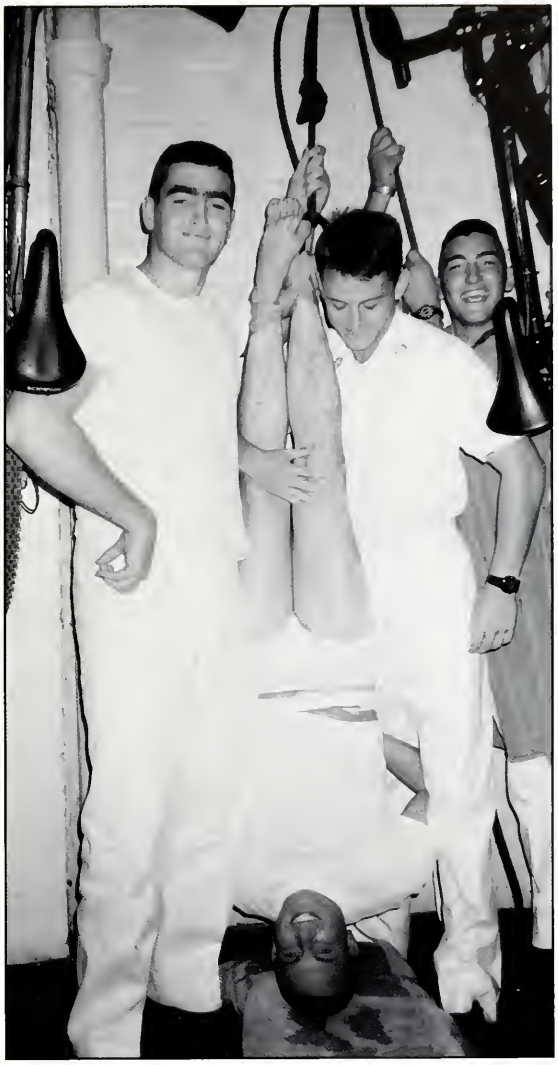


Keith Peloquin



To the untrained eye, the sinks look like a storage place for bicycles.



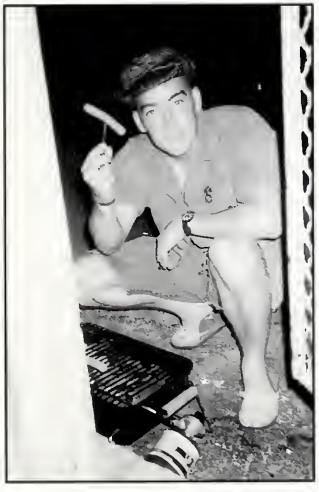


Flip Robles

◀◀The sinks were frequently raided this year: rats, the tactical staff, the Commandant; even the third class made an attempt.
◀Hanging out in the sinks with "Unibrow" Cherry and friends.



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Luca Robles

◀Because each sink room has a walk out basement, such luxeries as barbecue grills are made possible. "Hoorah" Harrar pulls KP duty outside his cell.

FARM FUN

Getting Wild at McKethan Park

During the week, the scene seems peaceful enough. Cows graze peacefully through windswept fields of Jeffersonian splendor. However, on certain weekends this same pastoral setting becomes the habitat of the hard-drinkin', rabble-rousing, woman-wooing Keydet. It is Mckethan Park: The Institute's very own world famous retreat which sits at the headwaters of the beautiful Maury River.

Legend has it that while strolling through the hills of this splendid farm, the superintendent heard bovine voices saying, "If you build it, they will party!" Heeding this divine advice, the commandant appointed a blue ribbon committee to research the various possibilities. With the generous monetary gift of Mr. Alfred A. McKethan '30, the dream became a reality.

As the voices had foretold, the cadets arrived to party. As news of this phenomenon spread throughout the land, female disciples of the area's institutions of "higher" learning followed the signs to this rustic manger. And so followed the appearance of amazing acts, such as the appearance of the elusive landshark and the gravity-defying stunts of Evil Coonevil and his laser white Mustang. New to the park this year was the sacrificial burning of the Corps tree by the infamous Tannenbaum Jihad. Those less adventurous at heart usually succumb to the flowing libations as they dance to the live bands while seeking out friendly female forces in this target rich environment. As the night wears on the festive environment only intensifies while the never say die men of VMI party on in noble



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The Megaphonic's set-up in the McKethan park pavilion.



▶A scene of the chaos that erupts at a McKethan Park party.

John H. Zackrison



fashion.

Aside from being a haven for those suffering from "barracks fever," this recreation facility also serves as a site for organizational picnics, class reunions, and ROTC training activities. Additonal activities at the park are made possible by the telescope observatory and the new trap and skeet range. While all of these activities are now available to all members of the VMI community, the park has also seen extensive use by local business and youth organizations.

Both the Corps of cadets and the entire VMI community is very fortunate to have such a facility so close to the Institute with such a potential for further growth. Through the foresight of the administration and the generosity of a concerned alumnus, Mckethan Park has become a reality, further contributing to the morale and welfare of the Corps of cadets and providing the VMI family with a park to call their own.

By Frank Harrar





John H. Zackrison

▲ **Beer Slides frequently occur amid the wreckage of that marks every McKethan party.**

SPIRIT DISPLAY

Getting Crazy and Supporting the Big Red Team.

Drums beat loudly as the sound of horns reverberates through the nighttime air. Tipsy young men and their ladies begin to fill the open courtyard, while all around them, people run about wildly in outrageous costumes, yelling and screaming. Up above, residents have come out onto their stoops to view the spectacle from above, hurling tissue streamers and cups of whatever it is they're drinking. Meanwhile, on center stage, some type of bizarre show is displayed for all to see. Behind the stage, men rappel down the side of the barracks, adding further to the excitement of the already festive crowd. Is it Mardis Gras, or some off-the-wall New Year's celebration? No. It's a VMI pep rally; and like anything else here, it is quite unlike anything seen at any other school.

When asked to describe a VMI pep rally, one cadet stated, "It's sort of like a carnival, only nothing like it."When asked the same question, another cadet simply said "HlC?", and then passed out. Nevertheless, VMI pep rallies serve the same purposes as any other, to rally support and motivation for an upcoming athletic event while providing a welcome break from the monotony of day to day life.

As described previously, a VMI pep rally consists of many activities going on at one time, like a hockey game, but not really. As the pep band begins to strike up a lively number, the rats begin to emerge on the stoop in some type of outlandish uniform combination. Wearing everything from rain covers, jockstraps, bedrolls, or raincaps, these rats run the stoops and courtyards, screaming and cheering to show their unity and support. Meanwhile, those cadets lucky enough to have female companionship for that evening stand in the courtyard with their ladies to watch the spectacle unfold. Those less fortunate either view the companions of those who are more fortunate, or patrol the "target rich environment" in an attempt to "hook up" with friendly female forces. On the stage, the spirit squad, with the help of team captains and coaches, works to motivate the crowd for the next day's sporting event.

Suddenly, all the music and cheering is interrupted by an eerie silence as a hooded specter walks slowly into the open. Cloaked in red, wielding a scythe, the figure



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Rats run the stoops in gawdy costumes prior to a pep rally.

▲▶The better half of the spirit squad, courtesy of Mary Baldwin College.



invokes a feeling of awe among the spectators. HE is the VMI SPIRIT. As he slowly raises his sickle into the air, the roar of the crowd returns to its previous level, and the specter disappears back into the darkness. Then, as the ceremonies come to a close, every man stops to pay his respect to the Institute while the Doxology is played. What follows, however, is a guard team's nightmare, as orderlies and sentinels attempt to shuffle the civilians out of barracks as quickly as possible, and rat room orderlies are summoned to clean up the trash-strewn courtyards.

What these pep rallies seem to take away in terms of military decorum, they most certainly make up for in raising the morale of the Corps by providing a source of motivation. It is only at events such as these when a salty, old Marine colonel can turn a crowd of deadbeats into a screaming, cheering mob, or when cadets can rappel into the courtyard to the cheers of the crowd, without fear of retribution.

By Frank Harrar



John Zachrison

◀A standard fixture at any V. M. I. rally, the Kangaroo.

No pep rally would be complete without the pep band.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Too Many Rules to Break but Too Little Time

It was the best of times, ... No. Never mind. It was pretty bad. It was a time when men could break the rules and have not a clue as to what their penalty would be. It was a time when one could get a penalty #1 for improper shave, or a 5 and 5 for running the block. It was a time when men would pay for the error of their ways by pounding the bricks, rifle in hand, on sunny afternoons. Yes. It was the age of Weird. And cadets marched on, and saw that it was good.

Yet all good things must come to an end. So as the Summer winds blew forth into Fall, they brought with them the dawning of the Good Deal Era. Gone was the one called Weird. In came the new regime: greater in number and lesser in leniency. And with them came the three words which would haunt the Corps forevermore: "Work With Me."

Now the renegades of the Corps were at the mercy of The Book of Blue. No more would penalties be doled out subjectively. The word of The Book was law. No longer would manly men march in manly ways with harmless tools of death tilted jauntily on their broad, manly shoulders. Soon the barracks would be the scene of maintenance platoons, working the yards, painting the curbs and swabbing the stoops. Work details were the order of the day, as gym dyke with mops replaced class dyke with arms. It was bitterly ironic: men being forced to clean and maintain the very grounds that con-



John H. Zackrison



Robert Browning



Robert Browning

The daily chore for confinement kids is signing off their confinement checks.

fined them night and day.

For every confinement commando, it all starts innocently enough: late to a class here, improperly dressed there, running the block, whatever. The following day would bring THE SPECIAL, delivered like room service, right to his door. Then faster than you can say 5 and 5, he'd be standing tall before the man; confessing his sins to Friar Williams and awaiting his penance. His eminence would then consult THE BOOK, thus sealing his fate and cancelling his weekend plans. This renegade's afternoons would then be spent in the service of the Institute, while his nights would be spent looking for a fix; seeking out those few brethren with the power to authorize more details. So heed the spoken warning: "Whether you're excess or you're on THE PRO, if its up to the Friar, he won't let you go!"

By Frank Harrar





Robert Browning

◀After forming up for PTs, cadets try to get the better details from the OG.

A maintenance platoon member gets ready to swab the decks for his grievous sins.

NO. 1 CLUB

The Institute's Finest

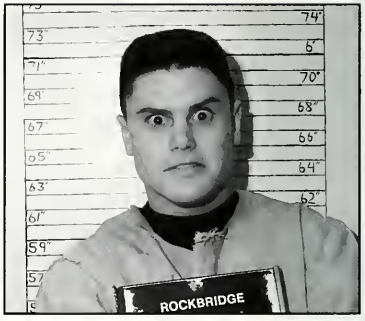
An odd mixture of men who had the misfortune of getting caught sums up the #1 Club. For their various sins they are assessed a penalty of 15 demerits, 4 months barracks confinement and 60 penalty tours. They are the Institute's finest.



Dan Gaskell. Exercising freedom of expression i.e. Adding multicolor kalidascope to a New Jersey sidewalk. Help received: Jaegermeister and San Miguel



Ahn-Tuan Nguyen. Conduct unbecoming a cadet: Pee all you can pee.



Alfred J. Bonoldi. Having explosives in Barracks and getting caught while trying to run from the SOG.



Larry F. Watson. Being in wrong place at wrong time i.e. Being here at the institute.

No photo available

DN Gwynn. 1. Drinking in barracks - Rat. 2. In Frat after taps while on confinement- Third. 3. Conduct unbecoming i.e. making a tape harmful to a faculty member- Second.

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Robert R. Hurd. Conduct unbecoming a cadet i.e. technicolor yawn at ETSU game.



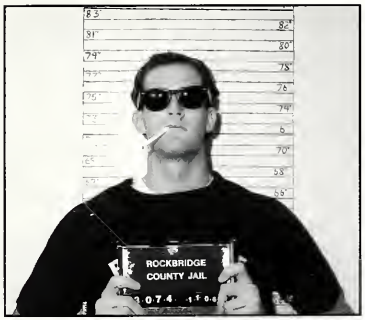
Steve V. Brandtner. Conduct unbecoming a cadet i.e. Trashing a Days Inn Hotel room.



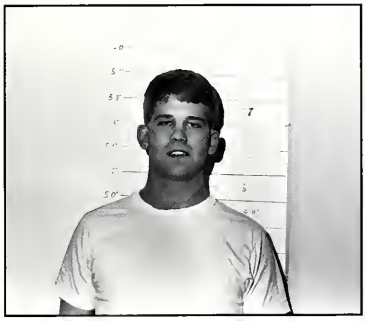
James F. Cherry. Unauthorized sandwich eating at Spanky's while on conduct probation and with PTs'.



Jason R. Kight. Unauthoried civilian clothes inside and outside of Barracks. Abusive language and physically grabbing the O.D. while intoxicated.



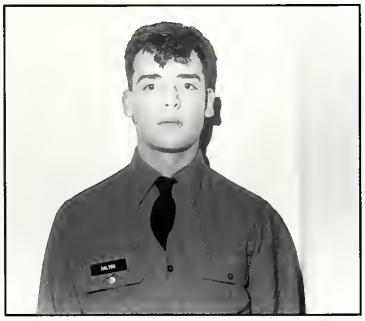
Jon G. Manley. 1. Poor Parking Job Second Class Year. 2. Flipping a blazer in a Tac's front yard at 0130 hours while drunk while on confinement and due to a #1.



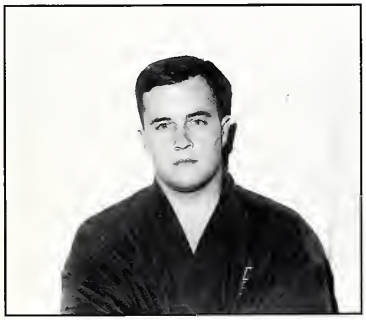
Matt N. Swanson. Running the block while on confinement(Academic Probation) Major Wierd's last #1. Dec 1990.



Benjamin Piper Rat#1 For drinking at English Society Picnic and being unable to make it to ranks.



Matt Dalton. 1. Operating an unauthorized automobile, absence from barracks offpost, and carrying civilian clothes outside of barracks. 2. Drinking in public while in uniform.



Churchill Bowles. Rat#1 for drinking.

INSTITUTE

The VMI Family

VMI is an empty shell given life by the Cadets and the staff of the Institute. It is the people of the Institute that make VMI what it is. From the Superintendent down to the lowest rat, everyone is essential. The Corp is the heart of the Institute and sets the tone for the school.



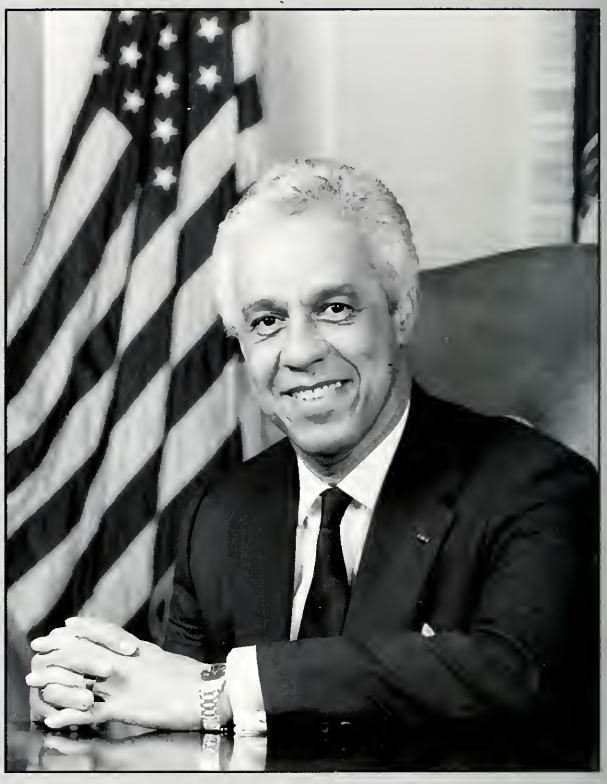




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Chain of Command





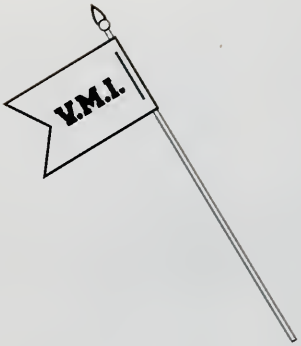
Governor Douglas Wilder

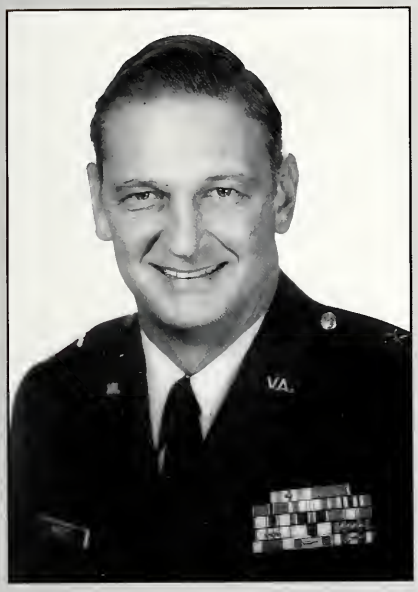
Commander-in-Chief



MG John W. Knapp

Twelfth VMI Superintendent





BG Lee D. Badget

Provost and Dean



COL Michael N. Bissell

Commandant of Cadets

Administration



MAJ John Brodie
Band Director



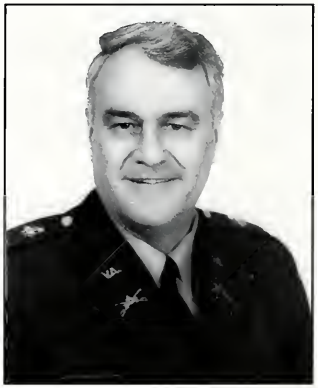
COL Charles Caudill
Chaplain



COL Leroy Hammond
Executive Officer



SGT. MAJ. Alvin Hockaday
Sergeant Major



COL Royce Jones
Director of Cadet Affairs



COL Ronald Williams
Deputy Commandant

Biology



Dave Stokes



Dave Stokes

When a cadet enters VMI as a Biology major, it is assumed that he wants to be a doctor or dentist. This assumption, though often true, is not always the case. With a degree in biology, a cadet can pursue many career options including: research, biological consultant, veterinary sciences, and even forestry. This proves the diversity of choices that a degree in biology offers cadets.

A cadet may choose to pursue either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The B.A. degree tends to focus more on the liberal arts than the biological sciences. Therefore, the cadet with a B.A. degree will be more suited for jobs in the areas of consulting or law. The B.S. degree places heavy emphasis on the sciences, though it does require the cadet to take a fair amount of liberal art classes as well. This degree well prepares the cadet for a career in medicine or research. Thus with either degree, the cadet will be well prepared to enter the job market.

Situated in the New Science building, the Biology department offers spacious laboratories with excellent conditions for experiments. The small number of biology majors allows for much student-teacher interaction. This personal attention allows for a greater understanding of the field can be found in most other colleges. Thus, the biology department creates a well rounded individual who is adequately prepared for the challenges he will meet upon graduation.

By John Craft

Majors

'92 ... 9	'93 ... 24
'94 ... 26	'95 ... 38



MAJ Thomas Baur
MAJ Richard Rowe
COL Fred Swope
COL E. Wingfield

Chemistry

The Chemistry Department at VMI is one of the most active and interesting departments at the Institute. The Department is housed in the New Science Building, which has three stories of labs, demonstration areas, and classrooms. The New Science Building also contains a Technical Library, which houses technical data from turn-of-the-century books to current chemical journals. The Chemistry professors are always willing to help students, and students wise enough to choose chemistry as their major are especially able to receive help because the student-teacher ratio is approximately 2:1. Chemistry majors have many interesting, yet varied, classes to take: Organic Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry. There is now a computer course that familiarizes cadets with the computer age of chemistry.

Furthermore, the Chemistry Department has arranged with the Engineering Departments to allow chemistry students wishing to continue study in the field of chemical engineering to get an Engineering Option. Because of hands-on labs, one can find chemistry majors in the labs during afternoon CPs. Chemistry majors may join the American Chemical Society.

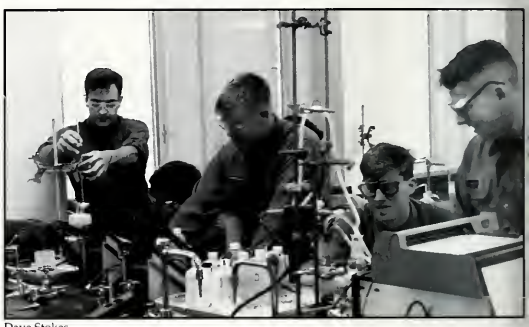
"The professors of chemistry are always willing to help students ... "

By Douglas C. Estes

Four seconds perform an experiment during chemistry lab.



Dave Stokes



Dave Stokes



Mr. Arvid Christiansen



MAJ Timothy Duggan



COL Edwin Goller



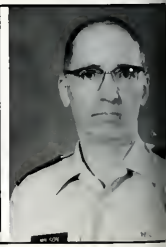
COL Robert Ludt



LTC Daniel Pharr



COL Stanley Wetmore

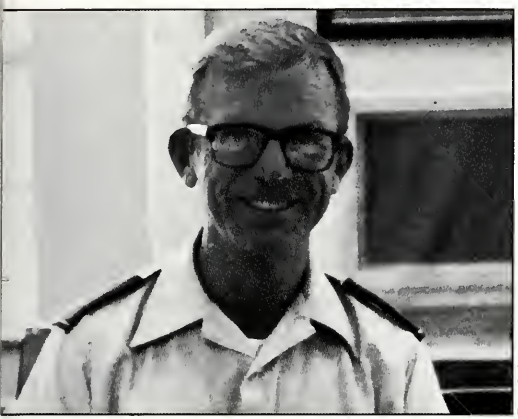


MAJ Terrell Wilson

Majors

'92 ... 5	'93 ... 5
'94 ... 8	'95 ... 6

Civil Engineering



Dave Stokes

Majors

'92 ... 40	'93 ... 39
'94 ... 44	'95 ... 52

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department prospered this year under the new leadership and guidance of Associate Professor LTC Ronald B. Meade. Colonel Meade replaced COL Donald K. Jamison who served as department head for XX years. LTC Meade led the faculty of the civil and environmental engineering department to a successful year of instruction in such areas. These areas were reinforced concrete design, hazardous waste reclamation, transportation theory and phenomenon (oh yes, and geotechnical, how could I forget).

In engineering, there is no substitute for experience. The instruction provided by the faculty emphasized the importance of practical application of theories. Dr. Schneiter's environmental II class performed a study and design similar to that which would be produced by a consulting firm for an environmental engineering application.

The "capstone" design course, CE-446, is scheduled for the spring of 1992. This class forces cadets to bring together everything that they have learned before, and use this knowledge as best they can. The performance of cadets in CE-446 is usually a good indicator of the effectiveness of the faculty in the related courses. The faculty has always provided an excellent background for such efforts. - A rock is a rock is a rock; wreck your bike, pay the price; monkey see, monkey do; Hello, take the SEVORG challenge; heads I win, tails you loose; Come home Snoopy, come home! FED, thanks and good luck.

By Fitz Drummond



CPT Chris Caplice
CPT Ronald Erchul
LTC Jose Gomez
COL James Groves

COL Donald Jamison
LTC Ronald Meade
LTC John Page
MAJ Wayne Schneiter

Computer Science

In this day and age of information, computers are already the key to success. The Computer Science Major allows cadets to enter into the job market of Computer Specialist where jobs are plentiful. The major is still relatively new and small, but it is has a serious program of instruction. While not offering as many computer classes as the CS majors would like, it provides for a solid academic base. In this way, the CS major will be able to enter the job market with solid credentials and be able to learn the specifics while at work.

The CS major is able to do a variety of projects around post that compliments his classroom learning. He is able to assist the Academic Computing Department with programming and trouble-shooting. In addition to the major, the Department also offers a minor that is open to all cadets. The minor allows a cadet to learn the skills that will enable him to utilize the power of computers in his given field.

Located in Mallory Hall, the department is able to provide personal assistance with every cadet that desires it. The extremely low student to teacher ratio allows the student to receive the highest caliber of instruction regardless of the small size of the major. Numerous programming assignments are required of every cadet in the department. As such, the cadets in the department can usually be found in Mallory Hall until the wee hours of every morning.

By John H. Zackrison

Rats finish up their computer homework.



Dave Stokes

Majors

'92 ... 6	'93 ... 7
'94 ... 6	'95 ... 16



COL Albert Deal
COL Thomas Lominac
COL George Piegari

COL Michael Tierney
MAJ Mark Schaefer
Mr. Henry Williams
COL Edward Zdinak

Economics



Dave Stokes

Majors

'92 ... 55	'93 ... 48
'94 ... 68	'95 ... 69

The Economics and Business major is currently the second largest major offered here at VMI. The large number of required courses make it possible for the student to pursue a wide range of analytical studies as well as appreciate the diversity of a liberal arts pursuit.

The Economics and Business department was once located in the crusty dungeon of Scott Shipp Hall before moving to the 300 level of SSH this year. Although still in need of more area to meet the ever increasing number of incoming students, the new facilities offer more in classroom space and study area.

The major itself offers many unique opportunities that are excellent preparation for the many challenges the cadet will face after graduation. These opportunities include organizations like TEBA and the Cadet Investment Club. TEBA, (The Economics and Business Association) discusses a wide range of related economic topics. The Cadet Investment Club is a unique club that invests real money. Every year, the club is allotted $100,000 for two groups to invest as they see fit. The overwhelming success of this club is astounding, it is more profitable than many of the professional investment houses offered to the public today.

"Every year, the club is allotted $100,000 for two groups to invest as they see fit."

By John Milstead



Mr. Richard Berry
COL Edward Claiborn
COL Edward Daley
COL Floyd Duncan

MAJ George Mechling
LTC Michael Reclam
CPT Stephen Ross
MAJ William Henry
MAJ Douglas Woundy

Electrical Engineering

The Electrical Engineering department at VMI prepares cadets for careers in engineering, business, and the military. Some cadets take their EE degrees and go out into the "real" world to work at various engineering firms across the country. Others take the technical background of electrical engineering and add to it an MBA and go to work in the business management area. More motivated individuals pursue and receive commissions in the military and devote their time to Uncle Sam in the Air Force and Navy as engineers and nuclear power specialists. A few cadets get their EE degrees and then go into totally unrelated careers.

The Electrical Engineering curriculum is one of the, if not the, toughest at VMI. EE majors must surmount many academic obstacles. Some of these include LTC Stumpff's Fields course and LTC Johnson's Digital course. Of course, no description of the scholarly trials and tribulations of the quest for an EE degree would be complete without a mentioning of the math and physics courses cadets are required to take in that most hated of academic buildings, Mallory Hall.

The professors in the EE department are good instructors who are concerned about their students ability and grasp of the material. The department suffered a crippling blow this year with the retirement of COL Lee Nichols, one of the most devoted and able EE professors to have taught at VMI. EE professors will have a hard time following in his footsteps.

By Alex Jackson

LTC Stumpff kindly prepares an assignment for students.



EE department

Majors

'92 ... 20	'93 ... 18
'94 ... 22	'95 ... 24



Mr. Gabriel Balazs
COL Daniel Barr
LTC John Gordon

LTC Robert Johnson
COL Henry Skutt
COL Kerwin Stotz

English

COL Gentry helps Jason Dylik with an English paper.



Dave Stokes

Through its numerous and diverse courses in composition and literature, the Department of English prepares cadets for "the varied work of civil life" by providing them with the communication skills necessary for success in today's world. Headed by Col. James Davis, the Department gives cadets instruction in how to write and speak clearly and effectively, how to interpret literature, and how to analyze literary works.

Through its Composition and Literature course, the English Department provides all rats with the skills that they will need to succeed in every academic area. In its upper level courses, the Department also offers courses in English and American literature, literary criticism, classical literature, creative writing, and public speaking. This wide selection of courses offered to cadets includes: Shakespeare's Tragedies, and Arturian Legend to the Literature of the Beat Generation. Additionally, cadets are offered courses in the Fine Arts through classes in art history and music appreciation.

To promote interest and participation in English, the English Department sponsors the English Society. Headquartered in the Daniel's Den of Scott Shipp Hall, the society sponsors cultural events and invites noted poets, writers, and artists to the Institute.

As an English Major, a cadet may earn a B.A. in English and a minor in any other area of Liberal Arts.

By Frank Harrar

Majors

'92 ... 22	'93 ... 19
'94 ... 22	'95 ... 12



Mrs. Mary Balazs
LTC Gordon Ball
COL Meredith Bedell
Mrs. Nell Byers

COL Allan Carlsson
COL James Davis
COL Thomas Gentry
MAJ Susan Kaplan
LTC Emily Miller

History

The history curriculum is designed to produce men educated in the responsibilities of citizenship rather than narrow specialists in history and government. Consequently, it prepares cadets not only for graduate school or government, but even more importantly, for any occupation where the ability to understand backgrounds, grasp issues and manage affairs is essential.

> ***" ... ability to understand backgrounds, grasp issues and manage affairs is essential."***

The cadet majoring in history receives, first of all, training in the basic problems of natural science and mathematics and in the use of the English language as an instrument for written and oral communication. He learns, in addition, a foreign language. His history courses cover the principal fields of modern European, Far Eastern, Latin American and American history. All of these courses emphasize an understanding of developments and problems rather than mere cataloging of events of the past. They also give attention to social, economic, and cultural phenomena as well as political and constitutional problems.

Each HI cadet is required to write two term papers. If desired, they can participate in the Honors Program or take a Senior Thesis course under close faculty supervision.

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Majors

92 ... 67	93 ... 72
94 ... 82	95 ... 85



Mr. David Coffey
COL James Davis
COL Thomas Davis
COL Willard Hays

MAJ Noriko Kawamura
COL A. Cash Koeniger
LTC Kenneth Koons
MAJ Norman Stevens
CPT Blair Turner

International Studies



CPT Turner harasses a photographer during his lecture.

Dave Stokes

Majors

'92 ... 16 '93 ... 15

'94 ... N/A '95 ... N/A

The International Studies major is a major without specific parameters. One learns how the International Community relates with one another and how such relationships affect the world balance. As such, the major teaches one how to analyze the world's relations and how to find common treads in the current events that are taking place. Thus, this major teaches one how to think and how to reason, traits that are indispensable to a cadet's life and which will benefit him the rest of his life.

Recognizing the fact that such a major depends upon a strong student body, the major only accepts 25 cadets per class that have the best potential for success. As can be seen by the current IS cadets, one understands that this restriction is necessary and useful. Because of it, the student to teacher ratio is low enough to allow the teacher to develop a close relationship with his IS students which ensures the cadet's success. The department also allows cadets to minor in the IS field and it is one of the most popular minors on post.

The department does not restrict teaching to only academic classes. It provides numerous opportunities for cadets to intermingle with the movers and shakers of the world. This year, visits to West Point, Canada, and important US visits by foreign dignitaries are planned to allow for the IS cadets to see how world events really occur. This major prepares a cadet to be the citizen-soldier that VMI prides itself on.

By John H. Zackrison



COL Patrick Mayerchak
COL Wayne Thompson
CPT Charles Steenburgh

Math

Two curricula in mathematics lead to a bachelor's degree: one stressing the humanities, leads to the bachelor of arts degree in mathematics: the other, emphasizing the sciences, leads to a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. Both curricula require the same number of hours in mathematics.

The aim of the department is clearly defined. It is to prepare cadets for positions in business, industry and government service. It is also to enable them to be teachers and to go on to graduate school. This is done by promoting an understanding in several basic fields of mathematics. This ensures that cadets are familiar with the structure and of major concepts and are proficient at their use. The Math cadet develops an appreciation and an understanding of the nature of mathematics as an independent subject as well as one with extensive applications.

The BA curriculum is recommended for the cadet who is interested in a general education in the liberal arts and sciences. The BS curriculum is for the cadet who wishes to develop his interest in one or more of the sciences. The department also offers a minor in Math which can round out other majors.

"Develops an appreciation and understanding of the nature of mathematics ..."

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Rats taking notes during a stimulating calculus class.



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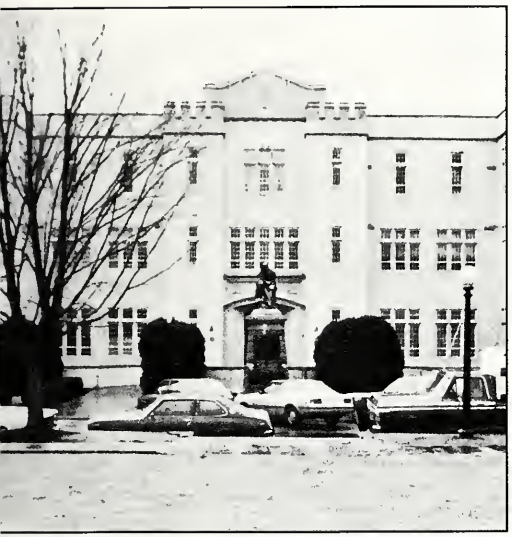
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'94 ... 1	'95 ... 4



COL Albert Deal
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COL George Piegari

LTC Mark Schaefer
Col Michael Tierney
Mr. Henry Williams
COL Edward Zdinak

Mechanical Engineering



Dave Stokes

Majors

'92 ... 50	'93 ... 27
'94 ... 42	'95 ... 55

The Mechanical Engineering curriculum at VMI has two main stems; one stem consist of courses related to energy; the other stem has courses which are related to structures and motion in mechanical systems. The curriculum provides a broad background with courses in science, mathematics, liberal arts and all of the engineering sciences. Maximum exposure to courses in civil and electrical engineering is given. Extensive use is made of the computer facilities at VMI. Enough electives are available so that a cadet is able to choose a wide selection of courses outside of his major.

Laboratory facilities consist of: Computer-aided Design and Engineering Lab; Energy Lab; Instrumentation Lab; Manufacturing and Robotics Lab; Materials Lab; and Heating Plant Lab. Laboratories are designed as an extension of classroom work and provide futuristic technological experiments considered important to the engineering student. Cadets are provided practical hands-on experience on modern equipment. The department has a number of microcomputers for student use. These computers are not only used in teaching BASIC and FORTRAN languages, but also in most courses taught in the department.

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LTC Howard Arthur
CPT R. Danner Friend
LTC Tim Hodges
COL Charles Morgan

MAJ Willard Neel
Mr. Thomas Ross
COL Richard Trandel
CPT Michael Sexton

Modern Language

The curriculum in Modern Languages offers basic and advanced training in the languages, literatures and cultures of: France, Germany, Spain, and other Spanish speaking countries. A cadet chooses French, German, or Spanish as his field of specialization and pursues its study for four years. His courses are designed to enable him to learn to speak, read, and write his major language with an acceptable degree of fluency and correctness. He is introduced to its literary masterpieces and becomes familiar with the history, thought and civilization of the countries where it is spoken. In addition, he may study a second language.

The curriculum of Modern Languages rests on a foundation of those studies which a graduate needs for an understanding of man, his physical environment and the society in which he lives. To this end, courses in natural science, English, history, fine arts and philosophy are also required.

Graduates with a major in Modern Languages thus receive a broadly based training in the liberal arts, social and natural sciences, along with specialized language instruction. They are well equipped to pursue careers in the armed forces, business, the foreign service, government and teaching.

The department has a state of the art language lab where cadets are able to listen to and learn a language at their own speed. There is also a minor offered so that cadets can supplement their major with a language skill.

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Dave Stokes



Dave Stokes

Doc Monsour teaches a 400 level French class in the ML lounge.

Majors

'92 ... 6	'93 ... 7
'94 ... 2	'95 ... 2

COL Michael Harris
Mrs. Agnes Meers
COL Mike Monsour
COL Joaquin Ponce
MAJ Donald Sunnen



Physical Education



Dave Stokes



Dave Stokes

The P. E. department fills numerous roles at VMI. Each cadet has many P. E. requirements to fulfill, and there are a variety of options open to each cadet.

The selection of courses open to each cadet is large. There are physical classes, such as raquetball and tennis, as well as academic course, such as a Drug and Alcohol course, and Principals of Physical Conditioning.

Upon entering the Institute, each cadet is required to take a course in boxing and wrestling, as well as a course in swimming. Each cadet is also required to take the VMI fitness test each semester, whether he is taking a P. E. course or not. The test is administered by the department towards the end of each semester.

Rat training is another program that the P. E. department runs. Each year, this program takes all the rats that are not on any athletic permit and presents them with various physical challenges. Many of the challenges, such as repelling and rock climbing can at first be quite scary for the new cadet. In the end however, almost all of the rats report that they enjoyed the opportunity. Finally the P. E. department runs summer school, which many cadets experience.

"Each cadet is also required to take the VMI fitness test each semester."

By Michael Tuck



LTC James Coale
LTC Robert Cairns
COL Gordon Calkins
Mr. Arnold Joyce
Col William Stockwell

Physics

The Phyics department offers its students many interesting and challenging classes. They range from general physics, to photography of circuits, to practical uses of metals machinery, to such elevated plains as theoretical physics which explores subjects like special-relativity. All physics classes are guaranteed to be small which provides for a lot of individual attention.

The quality of the instructors is easily seen in this years Research Sabbatical. VMI only offers one of these each year, and this year, it was awarded to COL. Dupuy for research regarding pulsating stars. He will use electronic cameras to research the composition of stars from the signals released during their pulsations. These stars are basically dying and by the time we see them, they could already have been dead.

In other developments, COL. Sauder recently received a government grant to further research a new procedure involving X-rays. His research has generated much interest in the NASA community of scientists. Col Carpenter, after many dedicated years in the Physics department will retire at the end of this academic year. His presence will sorely be missed.

For engineering majors, their enjoyment of their three semesters of required physics classes will probably occur in summer school. Many of the Physics majors can find jobs in the military as nuclear specialist. Others will attend graduate school and then go into the private sector to work or into the teaching field.

By David Phelps

Rich Goodman in the midst of a Physics assignment.



Dave Stokes

Majors

'92 ... 1	'93 ... 5
'94 ... 3	'95 ... 3

COL D Rae Carpenter
COL David Dupuy
COL Richard Minnix
COL Philip Peters



Air Force

COL Lowe awards TSG Martinez a unit medal.



USAF



USAF

The Department of Aerospace Studies is responsible for preparing cadets for the challenges and responsibilities they will face as Air Force Officers in the coming years. To accomplish this goal, cadets are instructed in wide-ranging topics such as past and projected use of the Air Weapon, modern force structure, principles of management and national security policy. To supplement this instruction, all cadets are required to attend Summer Field Training between Third and Second class years. This is an opportunity to display and improve upon one's leadership skills as well as to learn more about what life in the Air Force is like. At the same time being asked to perform under pressure and be evaluated for one's officer potential.

> ***" ... the Air Force's mission is to FLY, FIGHT AND WIN ... "***

In addition to this required training, Air Force ROTC is able to offer a wide range of other programs including Army and Air Force Airborne Training, Light Aircraft Training, Survival/Evasion/Resistance and Escape (SERE) Training and Professional Development Programs, in which cadets are given a chance to work for a few weeks with a junior officer in their chosen career field.

Regardless of the training, VMI AFROTC cadets get to see what Air Force life will be like. They learn as well that although the Air Force's mission is to FLY, FIGHT AND WIN, flying is only one of the many categories and specialties that make up the modern Air Force.

By Keith Peloquin



MAJ Leslie Cox
MAJ James Keister
COL William Lowe
TSG Roberto Martinez

CPT Scott Papp
SSGT Arlow Pruitt
CPT Adam Spenik
SSGT Charles Thornton

Army



US ARMY

ARMY, ARMY, ARMY, What a Great Place To START"

This year has been nothing but success for ARMY ROTC at VMI. The Fall FTX, was one of the best FTXs' by far. Captain Thomson's MS IVs did a superb job grading and teaching assault lanes. Captains Fields and Lovejoy instructed their MS III's in the art of Tactics. Captain Shutt and Master Sgt Bryant respectively were the key instructors to the MS II's. Finally, Major Bryant and Captain Davies gave the MSIs an idea of what to expect over the next four years and friendly advice on how not to get boned (I missed that class).

Colonel Joyner and his Staff, are ready to work with the dedicated, hard working young men of today to make tomorrows citizen soldiers.

By Larry Murray Jr.



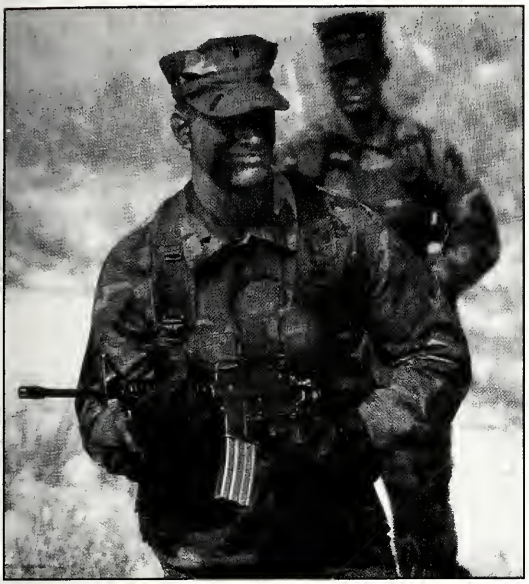
US ARMY



SFC Thomas Atkinson
MAJ Mark Bryant
MSG Steven Bryant
CPT J. Davies
SSG Scott Fredrickson
SFC Robert Habern
COL James Joyner
CPT Keith Lovejoy
SGM Eric McMichael
CPT Gary Morgan
LTC Larry Scott
CPT David Shutt

Navy/Marines

Two Marines on patrol inside enemy territory.



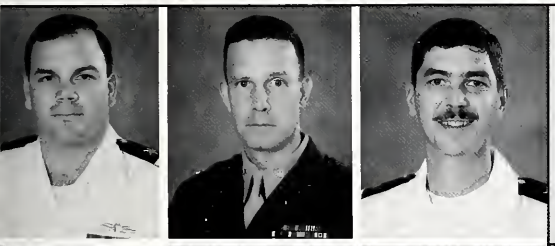
USMC

Since 1974, the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps Detachment at VMI has been commissioning qualified cadets as ensigns in the United States Navy and as second lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps. Commanded by Colonel John Ripley, USMC, today's NROTC detachment continues to train and prepare men for the challenges that await them in the Naval services.

For men seeking commissions in the Navy, the department offers courses in Naval history and traditions, ship and weapons systems, navigation, and leadership and management. Additionally, men receive training aboard ship during their summer cruises.

Men seeking commissions in the Marine Corps must also take courses in naval history, but later branch off into courses which cover the evolution of warfare and amphibious operations. The second class year is spent preparing for "bulldog" or Officer Candidate School, which cadets must graduate from in order to earn the title MARINE!

By Frank Harrar



LT Richard Chandler
MAJ David Chase
LT Martin Garvey

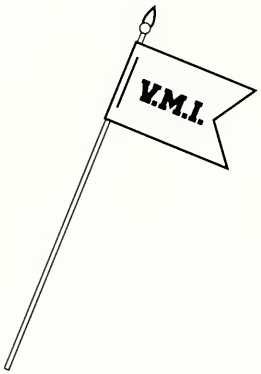


LT Stephen Hall
LT William Hlavin
QMCS John Koonce
LTC Gregory Maisel
CPT David McClary



GYSGT Dennis Reed
COL John Ripley
SKC Rodelio Rivera
LT Jeffrey White
YNC William White

Regimental Staff





Mathew Lough
Regimental XO



William Sharp
Regimental Commander



Richard Walker
Regimental S-1



Derrick Johnson
Regimental S-2



Andrew Tate
Regimental S-3



Christopher Phelps
Regimental S-4



William Berry
Regimental S-5



Kelvin Bratton
Regimental S-6



The Regimental staff Passes in Review.

Shane Grizzard



Chuck Hybl
Rifle Bearer



Patrick Aluotto
Rifle Bearer



Robert Peterson
Regimental SGM



Lee Clark
Color SGT



Kevin Morris
Color SGT



John Peters
Color SGT



David Hoy
Color SGT



Eric Avila
Regimental S-1 SGT



Mark Nadig
Regimental S-2 SGT



Patrick Schuler
Regimental S-3 SGT



John Barefoot
Regimental S-4 SGT



Todd Hammond
Regimental S-5 SGT



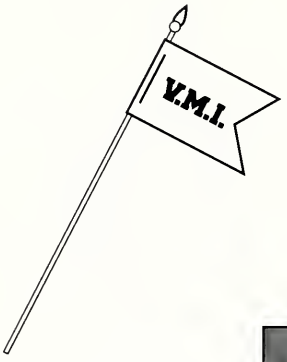
Shane Grizzard

The Color Guard marching in the New Market Parade in New Market, Virginia.



Bradley Nadig
Regimental S-6 SGT

Rat Battalion





Shannon Terhune
Rat Battalion XO



Benjamen Piper
Rat Battalion Commander



Eric Larsen
Rat Battalion S-1



Joseph McClung
Rat Battalion S-3



Chris Bergen
Rat Battalion S-4



Hans Sylvester
Rat Battalion SGM

The 1992 Cadre



First Battalion



Andrew Krug
Commander



Lawrence Nevel
Executive Officer





Shannon Terhune
Battalion S-1



William Woodward
Battalion S-2



Joseph McClung
Battalion S-3



Eric Larsen
Battalion S-4



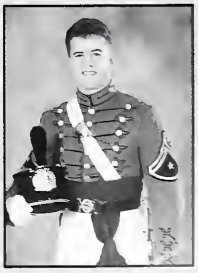
Mark Thackston
Battalion S-5



John Zackrison

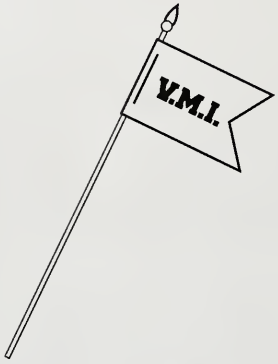


Jeffrey Clark
Battalion S-6



Thomas Carlsen
Battalion SGM

Second Battalion





Neil Hennigan
Executive Officer



Ben Piper
Commander



Daved Womack
Battalion S-1



Lance Yarborough
Battalion S-2



Garland Kelly
Battalion S-3



William Viar
Battalion S-4



Daniel Shipley
Battalion S-5



Andy Andrews
Battalion S-6



Hans Sylvester
Battalion SGM



John H. Zackrison

Third Battalion



Robert Johnson
Commander



Jeffrey Vent
Executive Officer





Christopher Bergen
Battalion S-1



Jay King
Battalion S-2



Mark Crocker
Battalion S-3



Richard O'Quinn
Battalion S-4



Geoffrey Fuller
Battalion S-5



John Zackrison



Percy Covington
Battalion S-6



John Meyer
Battalion SGM







ALPHA

Paul Barns
Commander
Ronald Huzzard
Executive Officer







Gregory Abbott
Lieutenant
George Ross
Lieutenant
Michael Teates
Lieutenant









Richard Kurtz
Guidon
Louis Petrillo
First Sergeant
Braden Briller
Master Sergeant
James Romasz
Operations Sergeant

First Class PVT.



John Zackrison

ATOMIC ALPHA



Alpha Company is a unique and diversified unit that prides itself on this fact. We do our jobs and do them well, but we have fun in the process. Everyone did their part in making Alpha company this way.

Although everyone did their share of the work, special thanks needs to be spoken of my Lieutenants and NCOs who helped me out and went the extra mile when needed. My XO was Ron Huzzard, and LTs were George Ross, Mike Teates, and Greg Abott. They helped me keep our standards high and did so in a non-confrontational way.

VMI has taught me much and I am grateful for the opportunities it has provided for me. Always remember that You may be whatever you resolve to be.





BRAVO





Douglas Vincent
Commander
James Stone
Executive Officer







Devon Mahoney
Lieutenant
Robert Ritchie
Lieutenant
Chia-Jung Fan
Lieutenant











Dan Mazzei
Guidon
Eric Abjornson
First Sergeant
McCarrell Crumrine
Master Sergeant
Chris Reid
Operations Sergeant

First Class PVT.



John Zackrison

BALL-BUSTING BRAVO



Bravo. A company with a long and proud history, one of the corps original units, it has lived up to its name and heritage. More then 150 years ago, the Corps of Cadets marched off to battle at New Market, and when Bravo returned, they were missing several Brother Rats, killed on the field of honor. Bravo Co. this year has lived up to the expectations of those honorable cadets, maintaining an acceptable standing within Corps activities. It has been my pleasure to serve as Bravo Co. commander this past year, and I hope the best for all those Ball-Busters who are remaining behind.

Thanks; Doug





CHARLIE





Michael Richardson
Commander
Carl Engstrom
Executive Officer







Jay Frey
Lieutenant
Wilson Current
Lieutenant
William Stone
Lieutenant









Frank Harrar
Guidon
Mark Cumashot
First Sergeant
Alex Deverona
Master Sergeant
Mark Schroeder
Operations Sergeant

First Class PVT.



John Zackrison

COLD STEEL CHARLIE



Cold Steel Charlie is full of character and humor. Being known as "Cool Breeze Charlie" by the more uptight units on the hill is a source of pride to us. We knew what was important and did our best in those areas and we were not distracted by the trivial aspects that would have burdened down our lives. We excelled on the parade field and earned hay-down as recognition for this several times.

The time is near for 1992 to say goodbye and it has been a long time coming. For those that remain behind, never lose sight of why you are here and soon all will be just memories.





DELTA





Brian Moore
Commander
Jason Troxell
Executive Officer







Neal Corson
Lieutenant
Trent Dudley
Lieutenant
Daved Bradley
Lieutenant









Paul Gettle
Guidon
Eric Eversole
First Sergeant
Rhett Cox
Master Sergeant
Dallas Grubbs
Operations Sergeant

First Class PVT.



Shane Grizzard

MAD-DOG DELTA



I feel that people get really hung up about a lot of things here at VMI. My advice to you is don't take all of this too seriously. Do what you feel is right and have the courage to stand up for what you believe in. Leaders are supposed to look out for their men. I hope that I did that for you. Delta is definitely a unique company. I was pleased to lead such a diverse and enthusiastic group of people. We did things our own way and we did them well.

Although my tenure with you was short-lived, I learned a lot and enjoyed working with all of you. You accepted me in your midst and we got the job done. Without such a fine staff and in particular a fine XO as Jason Troxell this company could not have functioned. Jason, thanks for picking up where I left off. You really made the Rats into something to be proud of. Now is the time for me to climb up on the soapbox. Remember that no one is any more of a person because of a position that he holds. Private or Captain, everyone works together Think about this and live your lives accordingly. Delta, you've made me proud. I know you all will continue to expand upon your accomplishments in the future.





ECHO





Kenner Coon
Commander
Jim Clotfelter
Executive Officer







Jeffrey Galon
Lieutenant
Steven Brandtner
Lieutenant
Darrell Swanigan
Lieutenant









Steve Smith
Guidon
Jon Cederquist
First Sergeant
Nathan Gray
Master Sergeant
Lincoln Swineford
Operations Sergeant

First Class PVT.



John Zackrison

TIGER ECHO



Tiger Echo has once again prevailed as one of the most dominant companies in the corps. Through the outstanding leadership of the squad leaders, sergeants, officers and most important, the privates , the backbone of the company, we have completed another fine year, able to hold our heads high and be proud of Echo Company. I charge you with upholding the high standards of Echo and leave you with the following thought to ponder ...

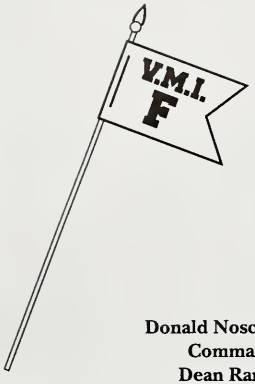
"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands,
Men whom the lust of office does not kill.
Men whom the sports of office cannot buy;
Men who posses opinions and will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie,
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog.
To struggle when hope is banished
To live where life's salt is gone
To dwell in a dream that's vanished
To endure and go calmly on!"

GOOD LUCK!
Kenner Coon
Echo Company Commander

·TO·VINDICATE·HER·HONOR·OR·DEFEND·HER·RIGHTS·

COL J·T·L·PRESTON









FOXTROT

Donald Noschese
Commander
Dean Ramsey
Executive Officer







James Maiocco
Lieutenant
William Alwine
Lieutenant
Tim Rodriquez
Lieutenant









Jeffrey Eget
Guidon
Craig Price
First Sergeant
Mark Wetherill
Master Sergeant
Daved Stokes
Operations Sergeant

First Class PVT.

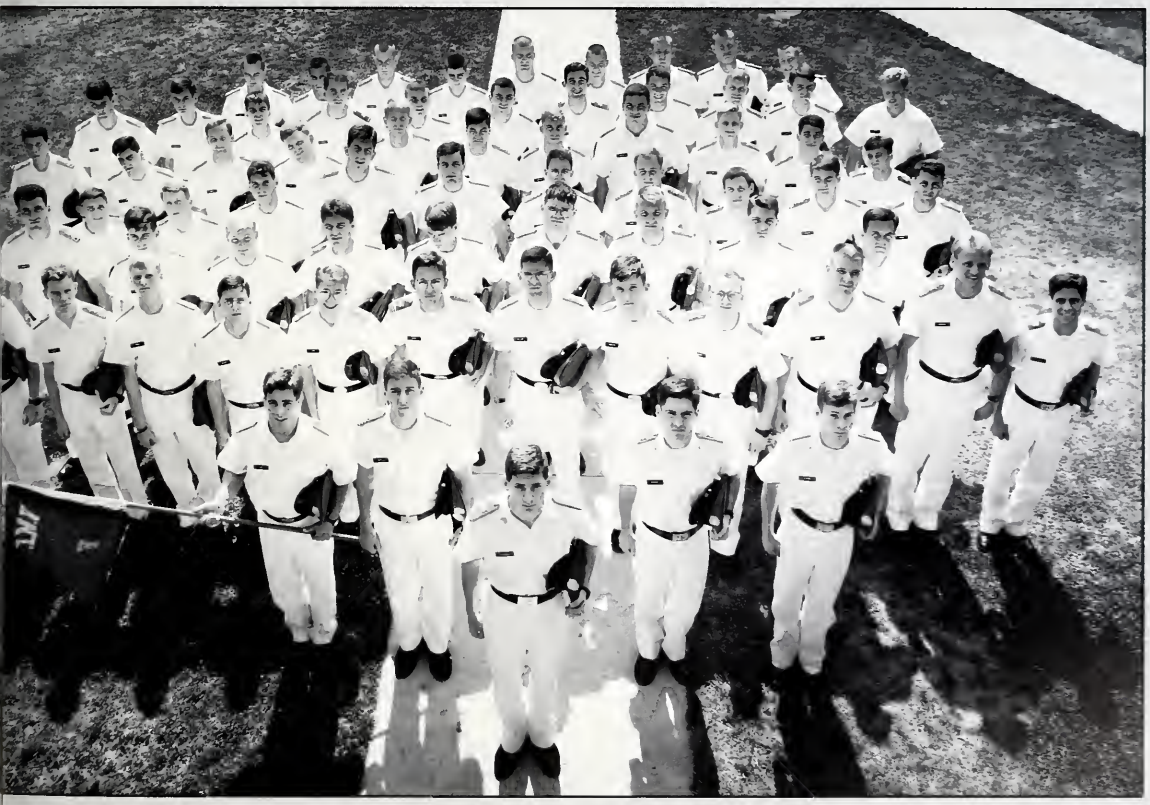


Shane Grizzard

F TROOP



Fox trot is the last bastion of true hard-core company esprit de corps. This tradition of going all the way has been successfully passed down from class to class and this should never cease. Its up to you Rats to ensure that you pass the torch to the next mass. It has been great leading a group of spirited, motivated troopers and I am glad to have had the opportunity for it. Everyone remaining here should remember to never say die no matter what happens. Long live F troop!!





GOLI



Keith Frantz
Commander
Anthony Sexton
Executive Officer





Travis Cox
Lieutenant
Charles Martin
Lieutenant
Robert
Schonberger
Lieutenant







Marsball Geyer
Guidon
Richard Barnes
First Sergeant
William Butler
Master Sergeant
Chris Martin
Operations Sergeant







1st Class Pvt.



BLOOD AND GUTS GOLF



As the 91-92 school year comes to a close, Golf company has definitely stood out among the other companies in the Corps. We started off slowly but we quickly overcame these obstacles to be one of the main contenders for the Garnett Andrews Award. Under the guidance of Tony Sexton and his cadre staff, the rats excelled in all areas of the Rat Line, especially room scores, Rat training, and visits to the RDC (compliments to your CO). The upper three classes also did their share of the work as Golf company consistently received high scores in parades.

I would like to personally thank all of you for your cooperation throughout the year and for making my last year the best one of my cadetship. I especially appreciated all of the 1st class privates' cooperation for not giving me too many headaches when it came to your appearance. I must also commend the NCO's of the company headed by Rick Barnes, Bill Butler, and Chris Sharp. As for the thirds, Dustin Devore, Dave Bruce, and Sean Rafferty led your class in enforcing the Rat Line and I was extremely lucky to have had such a dedicated group. Finally, Rats, your performance throughout the year was outstanding, you all have a lot to be proud of for your accomplishments.

I'm closing, I wish the classes of '93, '94, '95 the best of luck, may your remaining years at VMI be good ones. As for us, the class of '92, WE'RE OUT OF HERE!!









HOTEL

Richard Horn
Commander
Trent Warner
Executive Officer







Wyatt Whitlock
Lieutenant
Lee MacGregor
Lieutenant
Erik Fuller
Lieutenant









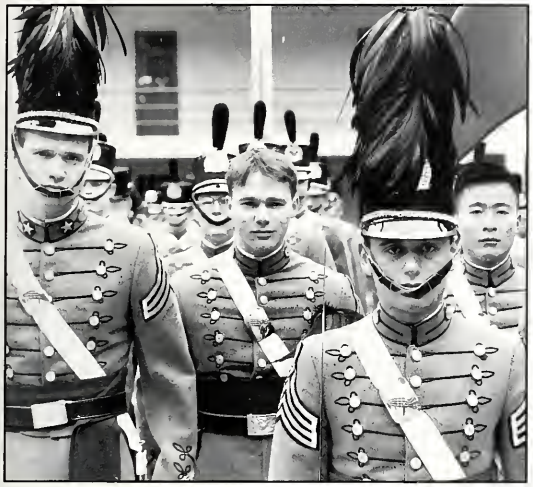
John Miller
Guidon
Brian Cox
First Sergeant
Andrew Poteate
Master Sergeant
Adam Perin
Operations Sergeant

1st Class PVT.



John Zackrison

HARD-CHARGING HOTEL



I can not say that I turned Hotel company around because it was always the best company on the hill. I came to Hotel company third class year to see a good group of rats (now seconds) matriculate with a lot of motivation and good intentions, and break out a lot better off. The following year, the Hotel class of '94 came in with a lot of "personality", only to see it disappear with the first day of cadre and reappear with breakout. Even though I said "we got the bad luck of the draw" I didn't mean it. This year saw the turn around of the company into Garnett Andrews champs during first semester and hopefully we will have another "clean sweep" second semester. The whole company accomplished this and not just one person. Congratulations to the whole company, and enjoy those privileges. I would like to say thanks to Trent and Andy for doing a great job with the rats. They were well led by both of you. Adam, good job with guard and keeping everybody straight. Brian, good luck and keep up the work next year. BR's thanks for the cooperation and leadership in the company. Finally, rats, keep up the good attitude you have this year the remainder of your cadetship and it will get you through this place. Remember to try your best and it will be more than good enough. Last, I would like to issue a challenge to the class of '93+3 to win Rat Training like '94 and '95, keep the banners in the company. Good Luck Hotel!!!









INDIA

Brian Mason
Commander
Richard Lee
Executive Officer







Thomas Timmes
Lieutenant
Lawrence Alexander
Lieutenant
Gregory Andricos
Lieutenant









James Cherry
Guidon
Rodney Turbak
First Sergeant
Jeff Cross
Master Sergeant
Jason Denham
Operations Sergeant

1st Class PVT.



John Zackrison

IRON CLAD INDIA



India company has made vast strides this year in just about everything it has done. Currently, we are in the running for the Garnett Andrews Race. When I came to this company I wanted to change it for the better but was unsure how the company as a whole and my officers and NCOs would react. I see that they too wanted done what I did and I owe them much credit for this quick turn-around. Many thanks go to Rich "Nature Boy" Lee, my XO who took the helm when I was not present. To my Lieutenants: Greg "Jabba" Andricos, Tom Timmes, and Lawrence Alexander you have my thanks for a job well done.

The men of India made the time and effort that I put into the Company well worth it. I have learned much from my time as Cadet Captain and am glad for having been able to have led I Co. Iron-Clad India led the way throughout the 91-92 Academic year.





BAND



Chris Bergstol
Commander
Todd Pegg
Executive Officer





Justin Ward
Drum Major



Geoff Brooks
Lieutenant



Joel Moody
Lieutenant



William Buckner
Lieutenant



Ahn-Tuan Nguyen
Guidon



Michael Chupas
First Sergeant



Richard Nevitt
Master Sergeant



Paul Syverson
Operations Sergeant

1st Class PVT.



Shane Grizzard

BLOOD THIRSTY BAND CO.



Band company is a very different company compared to the others on the hill. We are the so called "ambassadors of VMI" and as a result do a lot of traveling. In the past 4 years, Band Co. has been to Mardi Gras, New York, Paris, France and all sorts of great places for free. The Corps may joke about the band, but hell we don't mind, we've been to Mardi Gras while they sat in classes.

This company has a lot of potential in it, I urge all the upperclassmen and yes, even you rats to take that potential and put it to good use. We have made much progress in 4 years and we will continue to make progress, Garnette Andrews or not, Band company is the best company on the hill regardless of the scores.

In my final words, I charge the second class to improve upon what we have now, you are now the leaders in the Corps. To the thirds, you may have sucked it up this year but you are now a vital part of the Corps leadership and the future of the Band. To the rats, it's about time you came together to form a class, make your dykes proud.

To the graduating first classmen: WE ARE OUTTA HERE!



S-6 Lieutenants

The S-6 Staff was created in order to develop a closer relationship between the Athletic teams and the Corps. The S-6 Lieutenants are the team captains of each athletic team and are charged with maintaining the high standards of the "I" upon their team.



CCP







Alexander Alston
Soccer
Richard Falcone
Track
John Howard
Rifle









Chris Keever
Football
Eric Marechal
Tennis
James Myers
Lacrosse
Mathew Ott
Lacrosse









Henry Pitts
Wrestling
Michael Starling
Rugby
Allen Stone
Baseball
Edward Vanduren
Boxing

Regimental Band

The VMI Regimental Band has been a highly visible part of the Corps of cadets. As well as being the most noticeable company in parades, the band has made many appearances both here in the states and abroad. One of the most enjoyable events for the band is the annual trip to the Mardi Gras parades in Mobile and New Orleans. Other appearances made by the band have been the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C., the Azalea Festival in Wilmington, North Carolina, the Tobacco and Oyster Bowl parades in Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia. In July of 1989 the band traveled to Paris, France to commemorate the Bicentennial of the French Revolution.

Within the VMI band, there is the Brass Ensemble, which performs at many official functions on post and has been designated the "Commandants' Own", and "The Commanders," a jazz ensemble which performs at paying "gigs" on and off post. In addition to the formal organizations, band director Major Brodie is always willing to help cadets in the band pursue other musical interests. Major John Brodie is a former member of the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps at the Marine barracks at Eight and "I" Streets in Washington, D. C.

By Johnathan Greever

The Regimental Band leading the Corps on a football march down.



Dave Stokes



CCP

John Ward leading the Band as it provides halftime entertainment at the Football games.

The Honor Court

Since its conception, the Virginia Military Institute has produced educated and honorable men. The process that a cadet must go through during his four years at VMI is not an easy one. VMI is made up of numerous systems such as the class system, the dyke system, and the regimental system which a cadet is placed under in order to help him develop into a citizen-soldier. However, the one system that joins all the others, yet stands above all others, is the honor system. At the heart of this system lies the honor code which states a cadet does not LIE, CHEAT, STEAL NOR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO. The Code is the heart of VMI and it pervades every aspect of cadet life. The Code is an integral part of the life of each cadet and therefore is administered and enforced by the Corps of Cadets.

To assist the Corps in the administration of the Code is the Honor Court. The purpose of the Court is twofold: first, it exists to teach and instill in the Corps a high sense of personal honor and, second, to decide the innocence or guilt of an accused cadet. The Honor Court consists of sixteen members who are elected by their Brother Rats. Ten elected from the first class and six elected from the second class. The four officers of the Court and the two Prosecuters are first classmen and are elected by the Court itself. The Prosecuters are assisted by one of the second class representatives.

Honor at V. M. I. is a black and white matter: you lied or you did not lie, you cheated or you did not cheat, you stole or you did not steal. A cadet's honor can not be turned on and off and there is no such thing as honor for convenience. Therefore, there is only one sanction for a dishonest cadet and that is dismissal.

Upon entering the Institute each cadet is responsible for his own actions and, as a consequence, the honor system and the Honor Code become more than just a set of rules, they become a way of life. A Cadet must live by the Honor Code if he is to remain at the Institute. The standards of our honor system will not be compromised to suit a dishonest cadet.

By Rob Johnson

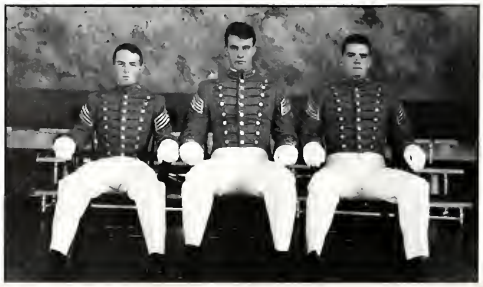
THE HONOR COURT

Since its beginnings, honor has been an important aspect of the school. At first, the Honor Court was an ad hoc group of picked cadets. In 1908, the Honor Court become a continuing body. Until 1951, the members of the GC were also the HC. In 1951, due to the increased size of the Corps, it was decided that members of the Honor Court could not serve on any other Cadet governing body.



Dave Stokes

Dave Stokes



The members of the 1992 HC: Charles O'Quinn, Daniel Shipley, Gerald Bingeman Jr., Stewart Copenhaver, Thomas Carlsen, James Richards, Jon Cederquist, Gregory Vinci Jr., Jonathan Walters, Derrick Johnson, Daniel Mazzei, Paul Barnes, Robert Johnson, Andrew Krug, Robert Ritchie, and Dave Massie.

◀The Big Three members of the Honor Court: Paul Barnes, Robert Johnson, and Andrew Krug.

Rat Disciplinary Committee

The rat line dominates a young mans first year at VMI, and the Rat Disciplinary Committee are the enforcers of the rat line. They ensure that every rat learns what is needed to become a VMI cadet. The RDC is made up of 13 members chosen from the First Class, and 6 chosen from the second class. A president, vice-president, and secretary are then elected from and by the first class members. From the beginning of Hell night when the RDC teaches the Rats to strain until Breakout, the RDC strikes fear into a Rat's heart. Its purpose is not to be detrimental but to motivate the rat mass to make strides towards unity. Their instruments are sweat parties, rifle runs, stoop runs, and fearsome RDC meetings. They are a subcommittee of the GC and their actions are sanctioned by the Commandant. Despite this backing, they often find themselves in conflict with the administration as they strive to be creative in carrying out their duties. Rat Bibles were handed out in the sinks in a high-speed and stressful environment. Their meeting place changed numerous times as they found that their enthusiasm for their job exceeded others limits.



The rats of 92 walked a modified rat line outside of barracks. First and Second Classmen could drop the rats for pushups when knowledge was insufficient and the Thirds made them Finout. With the help of our advisors Col. McGee and GYSGT. Reed we have brought power back to the RDC and created a class that we call the dykes of 1992.

By J Zackrison, James Cherry

A Rat has his first encounter with the RDC as he earns his Rat Bible from RDC members Keith Frantz, and Orlando Robles.



Shane Grizzard



John Zackrison

The members of the 1992 RDC standing in front of Jackson Statue. They are Michael Starling, Keith Frantz, Dean Ramsey, Orlando Robles, Kenner Coon (Secretary), Perry Turner (President), Christopher Smith (Vice President), Richard Walker, Douglas Vincent, Donald Noschese, James Cherry, Scott Swanigan

THE RDC

In VMI's early days the GC was responsible for running of the Rat Line. Later, due to the time consuming aspect of this, it was switched to the OGA. In 1961, the RDC took over this function from the OGA. The RDC is solely responsible for the correction of wayward rats and has the authority to hand out penalties to rats. Its early composition was of 14 first classmen, with two coming from each of the 7 companies.

General Committee

The Virginia Military Institute has been known for producing military and civilian leaders. Behind the walls of the Institute lies a system that every cadet will always remember. One thing of vital importance to the Corps is the class system. The Corps is separated into First classmen, Second classmen, Third classmen, and Rats. The upper three classes are represented on the General Committee by their three class officers. These class officers are elected at the end of each classes' Rat year.

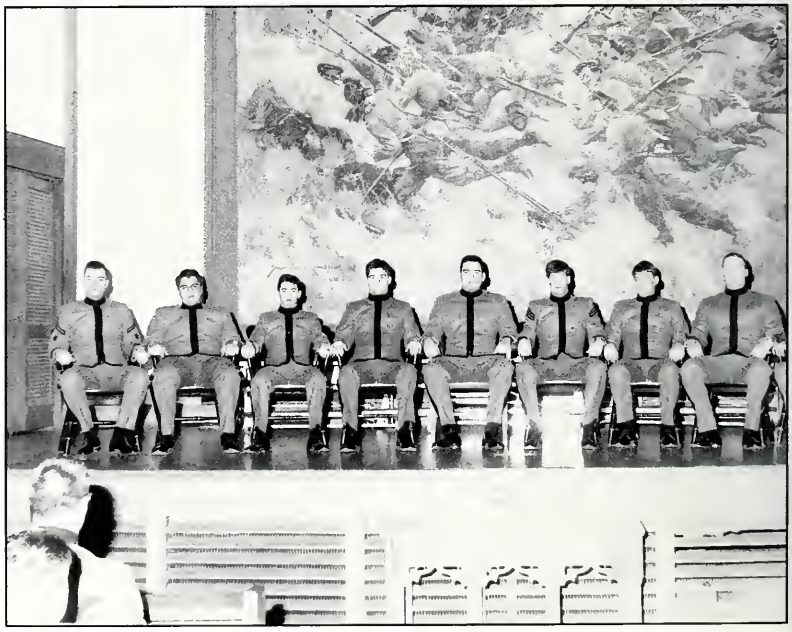
The General Committee is a system of, by, and for the Corps. The main purpose of the G. C. is to regulate the standards of conduct and appearance of the Corps. The second role of the G. C. is to monitor the class privileges that come with tenure at the Institute. Each year there is an increased responsibility for the nine cadets that were chosen by their classmates to represent them on the General Committee. The G. C. is also composed of subcommittees consisting of the Executive Committee, the Officer of the Guard Association, and the Rat Disciplinary Committee. Each of these organizations has a responsibility unique in their own sense.

This year the class system is a great deal stronger than it has been in the last few years. Members of the G. C. realize that progress will take some time and can not be at the level they desire in just one year of hard work. One of the principle goals of the General Committee is to have greater participation from the Corps in days to come. With more involvement by the Corps and a stronger belief in the class system, members of the Corps may see better days ahead.

Mathew Ott

General Committee

Before 1920, there is little information concerning the GC. Before this time groups of cadets known as "vigilantes" protected the Corps customs. Until 1952 the members of the GC also were the HC. Up until 1961, the GC was responsible for the Rat Line when it gave that charge to the OGA and then to the RDC in 1961.



John Zackrison

The 1992 GC: Edward Maddox, Ayen Torchik, David Petty III, Matthew Ott III, Albert Orgain IV, Miles Holt III, Phillip Starling, Michael Retman, and David Bruce

Officer of the Guard Association

The Officer of the Guard Association is a subcommittee of the General Committee. Consisting of eleven members, the OGA is made up entirely of First class privates. One elected representative comes from each of the ten companies in barracks in addition to a President who presides over the Organization. The OGA serves two major functions in the Corps of Cadets.

The first of these duties is to investigate G. C. cases when the First class President feels more clarification is necessary prior to the case being heard by the General Committee. A company representative is assigned to the case and is charged with the responsibility of clarifying its circumstances and severity. The investigation includes the questioning of the men involved and any witnesses that are available. A recommendation is then sent to the G. C. and if necessary to the E. C. An OGA representative sits as a voting member at all E. C. meetings.

The second of these duties is to serve as a mediator between cadets and the administration. If a cadet receives a penalty that he feels is too severe, he may appeal it to his OGA company representative. An attempt to lower or eliminate the penalty will then be undertaken by the representative if warranted. The OGA has the authority to represent the cadet corps at all levels with the idea of maintaining agreeable relations with the administration.

Dave Weisenburger



John Zackrison

The 1992 OGA: Jon Jeffreys, Ronald Williams Jr., John Darby III, Peter Shea, Robert Burgess III, Alexander Jackson, Steven Smith, Matthew Humpreys (VP), Chuck Weatherman (Pres), Dave Wisenburger (Sec), and Tedd Muerry.

THE OGA

Once a powerful body, the OGA's power has diminished over time. It once ruled barracks along with the GC. In 1960-1962 its power was vastly diminished and it lost its judicial authority and ability to enforce the Rat Line. It was disbanded in 1962 and was not restarted until 1975. When reconstituted, it served as an investigatory arm of the GC to ensure the Corps' public image.

A hot August day was when we had ...

OUR BEGINNINGS

In the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and eighty eight, 411 young men stood beside one another, intimidated by the medieval structure which surrounded them. A warm summer breeze blew as drumbeats echoed ominously through the open courtyard. They became uneasy as the sound of marching feet drew closer. The uneasiness turned to fear as they caught their first glimpse of the men clad in gray and white marched in before them with heads shaven high and tight and eyes locked forward in a fierce gaze. Suddenly, the silence turned to chaos as the cadre swarmed about their prey, throwing them head first into the turmoil that would be a part of their daily lives for the next eight months. As their first day drew to a close, the dazed and confused rats of the mass of 89+3 lay down to rest. Once again, the silence was shattered by a deafening blast as the rats were awakened to meet their worst fear: The RDC. Days later came the return of the old Corps and the realization that nowhere they went was safe.

As the weeks and months passed, we learned how to survive by juggling a harsh military living and the requirements of college academics. Through our cadre and our dykes, we started to become a VMI Man. Through the Honor Court, we were instilled with a code of honor which would govern our lives for the next four years. We were given a harsh lesson in unity and sacrifice as our dykes combined to protest an administration which threatened the existence of our ratline. But through it all, we built a strong unity among ourselves. In the name of unity, we risked punishment to show the Corps that we were ready to join their ranks. By March of 1989, it was time to become the class of 1992, we had become ALL WE HAD RESOLVED TO BE.

By Frank Harrar



TOGETHER was how we faced the challenges as rats. Shown is '92 in classic radiator formation ready for a workout.





Steve Brandtner, Ahn-Tuan Nguyen, and Paniwat Subrungruang enduring the half hour workout that followed our successful raid on the RDC.







March 1, 1989 was Breakout for the new class of 1992. Shown above is Breakout hill with the upperclassmen in waiting.

Rat rooms were where we let loose the emotions of the rat life. Joking around was a common happening in everybodys' rooms.



1992

We faced the Rat Line

TOGETHER

While unity is strong among brother rats of the same class, it is even stronger among those of the same company. Rats of the same company endure the same cadre. They eat, sleep, march, and train as a company. They live in their own section of barracks, go on guard together, and compete against their BR's in other companies. So it is little wonder that when the administration split up our rat companies to abolish our arrangement by height, we still retained strong ties to our "old corps" companies. This break up not only lowered morale, it left us wondering why it happened only to us. And now, at this writing, Smith Hall is reorganizing the Corps by height once again, realizing that it wasn't such a good idea in the first place.

Old Corps Alpha Co.



John Zackrison

Scott McKenna, James King, Bill Buckner, Paul Gettle, Kevin Bourke
Charles Petzold

Old Corps Bravo Co.



Keith Peloquin

Joel Coleman, Larry Nevel, Greg Abbott, Booby Vaughan, Jason Dylik, Fran Wilder, George Ross, Mark Witecki, David Weisenberger, Dan Mazzei, Greg Andricous, Michael Kirkmire, Dave Jahnke, Stephen Richardson, Keith Frantz, Robert Hurd, Keith Peloquin, Todd Washington, Marcus Waehler, Jason Troxell

Old Corps Charlie Co.



John Zackrison

Shane Grizzard, Bill Berry, John Zackrison, Mark Crocker, Chein-Fang Yu
Ron Williams, Rob Fowler, Laird Knights, Robert Schonberger

Old Corps Delta Co.



John Zackrison

Marshall Geyer, Kurtz, Neil Corson, Erik Fuller, Clinton Seybold, Tsai-Tzu Ho, Culla Ya[illegible]gh, Brian Kelly

Old Corps Echo Co.



Shane Grizzard

1st Class Pvt Belt

The First Class Private's Belt is cast from a mold made by the Father of David R. King '71. The dent above the M was on the original specimen used by Mr. King who retained it as an identifying mark on the repro and was NOT caused by a bullet at New Market. In 1973, the Commandant allowed First Class Private's to wear the belt at all times except when under arms. The plate was worn on the cartridge box until 1896 when the box was replaced.

Old Corps Foxtrot Co.



John Zackrison

Dwight Smith, James Blankenship, Adam Gregory, Jason Kight, Bob Burgess, Franco Neto, Steve Smith, Lee MacGregor, Steve Brandtner, William Alewine, Chris Phelps, Marvin Lipes

Old Corps Golf Co.



Dave Stokes

Carney Taylor, Rich Howe, Charles Dunn, Chris Bergen, Carl Engstrom, William Woodward, Charles Martin, Chuch Weatherman, Travis Cox, Chris Jones

Old Corps Hotel Co.



Shane Grizzard

Old Corps India Co.



Shane Grizzard

Allen Stone, Jonathan Lester, Andy Tate, Dave Womack, Bill Sharp, Mike Morris, Steve Arnold, John Milstead, Rich Lee, Ron Huzzard

Old Corps Band Co.



John Zackrison

Gary Wright, Alex Jackson, Chris Bergstol, Steve Morris

During our stay here, we were an active class and upon the "I" we left

OUR MARK



John Zackrison

On Aug 16, 1988, we entered these hallowed halls, prepared to make our mark on the Institute. Now, four years later, we prepare to depart, to make our mark on the world. In these years, we have experienced the best of times, and the worst of times. Many have left us, and fewer have returned. But as the varied facets of the Institute have molded each of us into the form of the VMI Man, we in return have left an indelible mark on the "I." Much like our dykes of '89, we have always been a class of diverse character and personality. Yet through this diversity, we have developed a strong unity. Faced with a turbulent ratline which challenged authority we drove on in the name of honor and tradition and survived to face the rigors of the third class year. Under heavy attack from the demands of the "academic ratline" and a strict class system, we dug in deep and withstood everything thrown in our direction. With the second class year came even more opportunity to make our mark, as we began to fill positions of leadership in the Honor Court, RDC, athletics, and the military system, preparing us for the time when we would be tasked with running the very system in which we had been trained. And through it all, it has been that diverse character and end enduring unity that has allowed us to rise above and excel. From our RDC "brawl" and the "taking of the Spider" to our exploits at Ring Figure, we have done it all in our own unique style and have changed the way the Institute will do things for years to come. While we watched 2 superintendents, 3 commandants and 3 deputy commandants pass before us, we remained solid in our ways and retained the unique qualities that carried us through it all. As we go out into the world, each along our own separate paths, we remain brothers, bonded by all we endured as one. We matriculated as one, broke out as one, and ran the Corps as one, combining the class and military systems in a way in which those before us couldn't, setting the example for later classes to follow. Perhaps the most important mark we have left the Institute is the fact that what we did, we did in our own unique way, and that we did it TOGETHER!

John H Zackrison



Virgin Privates

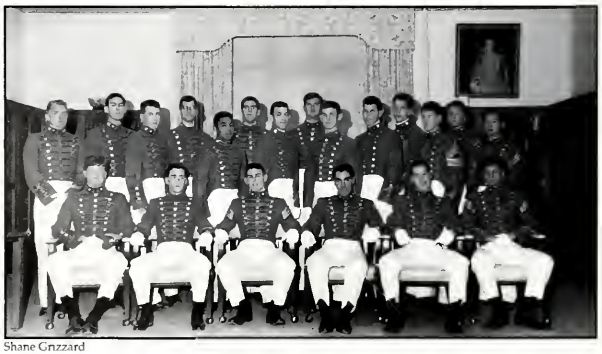
Frank Wilder, Keith Peloquin, Mike Arness, Lance Parnell, Scott Peterzell, Matt Owings, Mike Foesh, Glen Buck, Will Pace, Dave Jahnke, Harold Stills, Rick Kurtz, Chip Dunn, John Manley, Brian Saunders, Mike Dalton, Tom Christman, Mark Loving, Eddie Davis, Kevin Bourke, Dave Downs, Dan Gaskell, Larry Murray, Lou Riker, Shane Grizzard, John Milstead, James Cherry, Craig Davis



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Academic Stars

Mark McCary, David Soldow, James Blankenship, Joel Coleman, Paniat Subrungruang, Doug Robinson, Marshall Geyer, Eric Marechal, John Zachrison, Anthony Brinkley, Daniel Franzen, Chris Phelps, Chris Keever, Chia-Jung Fan, Bobby Brugger, Adam Gregory, Kenner Coon, Franco Neto, Bobby Vaughn, Tom Timmes



Shane Grizzard



Conduct Pro Club

Mark Orgain, Chris Jones, Jeff Eget, Shane Grizzard, Noelle Gring, Rich Howe, John Ward, Chuck Weatherman, Matt Ott, William Stone, Laird Knights, Franco Neto, Douglas Olson, Geoffrey Brooks, James Fry, Mark Baush, Marcus Waehler, Tom Gnecco, Rob Hurd, James Cherry, John Zackrison



John Zackrison



THE CLASS OF 1992!

Through it all, we had GOOD TIMES

First Class Log, Stoop Date 1992. These are the voyages of the Class of '92. Our four year mission: to seek out insanely wild parties, to meet beautiful and willing women, and to boldly drink more than any class has drunk before. So far, so good! In fact, we've raised the art of partying to so high a form that we're no longer welcome in fine hotels everywhere. Oh well, there's still the Barnes. So we've busted a few pieces of furniture in our time (a piano here, a table there), we always PAID for 'em! On this fantastic voyage, we've encountered the elusive Land Shark, the Rambunctious Monkey, and of course, belligerent frat boys. Yes, our dykes' class taught us well.

Things weren't always roses though. Sometimes the weekends were short, the beers were warm and the women were cold. But in true VMI fashion, we kept plugging away. With beer goggles on our faces and lamp shades on our heads, we downed The Beast and kept on smilin'. Even when trouble raised its ugly head, we took care of our own and never left a man behind. That's just the type of guys we were ... or had become. After all, life is just a party and parties were meant to last. So here's to us, '92, and those like us ... damn few left! Hic!



Marcus Waehler

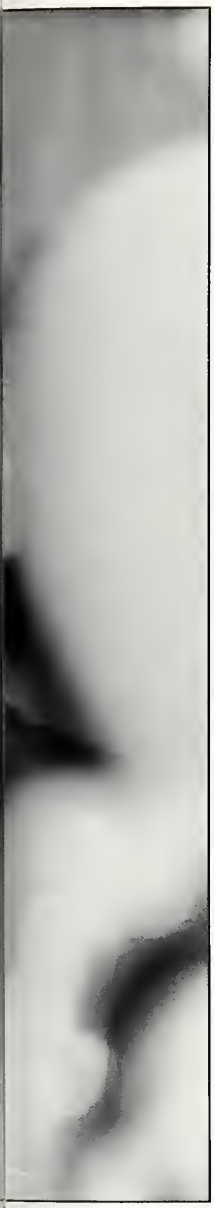


Rob Hurd, Doug Olson, Carl Vause, Mike Richardson, Chris Bergen, Rich Lee, Mark Witecki, Jay Fry and Jeff Galon celebrate a weekend tearing up the Barnes Motel Second Class Year.



M. C. Taylor, Allen Stone, and William B believing that their partying might had g little to far.

Keith Peloquin



co Neto showing that there other ways to spend Evening than studying.



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▲Jonny Price, Rob Johnson, Scott Francis, Rich O'Quinn, Rob Schonberger, Devon Mahoney, George Ross, and Joel Coleman getting down and partying on the dance floor of the Radison on Friday night of RF92.



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◀Chuck Weatherman, Charles Dunn, David Downs, Charles Martin, William Woodward and dates live up Ring Figure 92 at the Radison on Saturday night, Nov 10, 1990.

THE DATES

Matriculation	**16 Aug 89**
Breakout	**1 Mar 89**
Ring Figure '92	**9 Nov 90**
Graduation	**16 May 92**

Gregory M. Abbott

U.S. Marine Corps/Economics



Abbo

Williamsville, New York

Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Ranger Plt 3; Special Ops Plt 2; Ops Sgt 2; Lt 1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1



It's hard to believe I'm writing this already. The past 4 years haven't taken as long as I thought they would. I'm not sure, but I think I must have learned something in these past years, but only time will tell. Dave, thanks for everything you did for me while I was a rodent and for all the support you gave me since those days. Good luck in the Army. Mack and Steve, you guys are the best. To the crew of 137, I can't believe that we all stayed together this long. Conway, you gave up VMI for the corps and all I have to say is Semper Fi - I'll see you in the fleet. As for my family, I can't thank you enough for everything you've given me the past 21 years. From here, it's at least 5 years in the Marine Corps. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve. Well, I guess this is farewell to VMI and all of my Brother Rats. Goodbye and goodluck in whatever you do.

Dykes: 1989 - Dave Martin
1995 - Matt Chapman

Dan Agostini

Special Student/Mechanical Engineering



Gunner, Agosnoski, Gonski

Cumberland, Maryland

Big Brother 2,1(V.P.); Private 4,3,2,1; Guideon 1; Exhausted 4,3,2,1; Bomb 4; Ac Dud 4,3,2,1



I suppose I should get the inevitable thank you's out of the way first. Thanks to all my BR's for helping me make it through this place. Rob, thank you for dragging me through the ME program here. Also, thanks for letting me borrow your tie. Greg and Scott, thank you for borrowing all of my stuff and for helping me keep my sanity. Scott, if you want to be an officer, you'll have to learn the phonetic alphabet. It's "bravo," not "bingo." Greg, when are you going to introduce me to this Owen guy you keep talking about? Thank you, Dawn, for putting up with me all this time. You're the best. Mom and Dad, there is no way I'll ever be able to repay you for all you've done for me, not just during my time at VMI, but all my life. Thank you. VMI wasn't what I thought it would be. I guess all cadets feel the same way. I'm very proud of what I've accomplished at VMI (seriously), but I honestly don't know if I'd go through all this again. I don't think VMI truly produces "educated and honorable men." I think that is too much to ask of any educational system. I do realize, however, that I've learned a lot about myself while I've been VMI.

Dykes: 1989 - Dan Bowen
1995 - Phil Moore

William Sean Alewine

Army/International Studies



Sugar Bear

Rockville, Maryland

Sgt 2; Lt 1; Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; F-Troop 4,2,1; AWOL 3; Toilet Bowl Bus Driver 4



Well, it is over at last. At least it should be by now. Four of the hardest years I will ever experience have finally come to pass. If VMI taught me one thing it is that life will never deal you a hand you can't play. Nothing is as bad as it seems. I can't go without saying thank you to the many responsible for my success at VMI. Without Kirk & Dean, who knows where I would be now? You've been great friends. To Dad & Maureen; without your hard work & support VMI would have only been a dream. To Mom, Grandma, Momo, Lyn, Papa, & Esther; thank you for all of your confidence in me. You all knew I could do it even when I thought otherwise. And to Steve, thanks for being there all four years. You have been much more than just a dyke. And Shana, thank you for all of your love and support. With you around, VMI just didn't seem all that bad. I love you. Thanks to all who I have forgotten for your love and support. I guess it was worth it after all. Hang in there Becker. Just a few more years to go!!!!

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Frankel
1995 - Zack Becker

Lawrence A. Alexander

USMC/Biology

Larry, Love

Woodbridge, Virginia

Indoor and Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Promaji Club 4,3, (Historian) 2,1; S-5 Counselor 2; Semper Fi 1; Golf Co. 4,3,2,1; India Co. 2nd Plt. Lt. 1.





Lord, I thank you that this day has come. To the Institute, I thank you for the challenges you have provided. Mom, Dad, Mia and Christina, my utmost appreciation for your love, support, and the faith you had in me for these past four years. To the Black Knights of the Round Table, I thank you for supplying me that priceless edge at the beginning. To my roommates/brothers (Levy, Country, and Henry) It's been a long three years, what more can I say? We have shared our ups and downs, and our support for each other is unbreakable. Let's keep the faith we have in each other as we begin to go our separate ways. To John, keep your head up and drive on.

Dykes: 1989 - Keith Sykes
1995 - John Brooks

James LeFon Allen Jr.

Navy/English

Scrappy, T-ball, Idiot-Boy

Richmond, Virginia

C.E. 4; Bio 3; Econ 2; En 1; Conduct Pro 4,2; Ac Pro 2; All Pro 2; Rugby 2,1 (Captain); Circle K 3,2,1; Hop & Floor 2; The Porch 3,2,1; Survived W/ Eddie 3,2,1; Procrastinating 4,3,2,1; Smiling 4,3,2,1

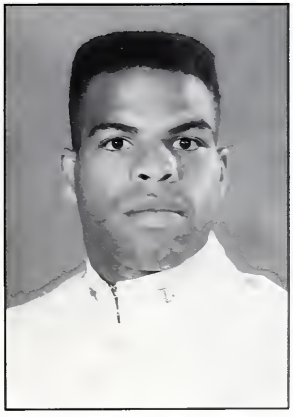




It is inconceivable to think that I could sum up my cadetship in this one tiny paragraph. I've had my share of ups and downs but I know looking back it will be the good times that will shine through. I have made some unbelievable friends since I've been here. I wouldn't know where to begin or end in listing all the great times we've had together. Thank you all for making all that is VMI a little more bearable. Kathi, what can I say? You made just about as many sacrifices as I did to stay by my side these last four years. Thank you so much. Nina, Mamaw, and all my family and friends at home, thank you for believing in me. Mom and Sherry, you stood by me all the way and never let me down, without fail you were always there for me. I love you all. Dad, one year was all you asked, when you knew damn well I would never quit after the ratline. I tried to finish what you started at VMI, thank you for everything...I hope I made you proud. K.S.A.K.S.A. There should be laughter after pain
There should be sunshine after rain
These things have always been the same
So why worry now.—M.K.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Monfalcone
1995 - Ante Sucic

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No History Available

Andrew James Andrews

SS/Biology



Head Drews Jews

Fallston, Maryland

Football 4,3,2,1, Monogram Club 3,2,1, Private 4,3,2, S-6 Lt. 1, Deans List 4,2,1, Cadet Staff 2, NROTC Comissionee 4,3,2, Gim 3, Honorable Mention Special Ops 2, Sick, Tired, and Hungry 4,3,2,1.

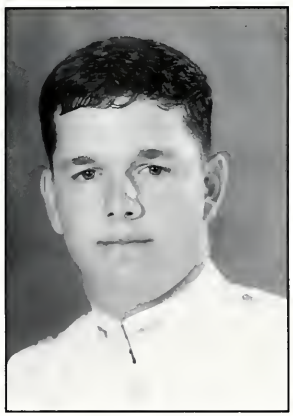


Now that I have completed four long, draining years at VMI, I can honestly say that I have hated nearly every minute of it. I would like to thank God for everything I have been given and the good health and success I've enjoyed. Dad, Mom, and Elise, thanks for everything. You all are the best family anyone could ask for. I love you all very much. Matt, we finally made it. There were good times, but I am glad its over-don't ever forget our agreement. Rif, what a summer. Keep practicing and you'll move up a chair. Link, find your proper place in society. Budda, marry rich and donate to a worthy cause because I'll need it. Dykes, you all have the opportunity and ablility to succeed. Make the most of it. I have learned that no matter how bad things get, if you perservere and don't quit, things will start to go your way sooner or later. Rm 141, thanks for the good times. Brother Rats and Football Team, good luck. GO KEYDETS

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Washington
1995 - Bryan Rychlik
Mike Young

Gregory Michael Andricos

Army/Civil Engineering



Driek, Dr., JABBA

Fairfax, Virginia

Hurd roommate 4; Regimentally busted 4; Conduct pro 3; Cadet Staff 3; Radford & Tech commuting student 3,2,1; Ranger plt 2; Barne's Motel interior decorating crew 2; Shocker 2; Plug & Chug 3,2,1 (ed.); Rugby



It is difficult to write this as I can still not envision the end of my cadetship, and am once again being distracted by my ever entertaining friend Rob. Looking back, I am not sure of the exact reasons I chose to attend VMI. However, the reasons I stayed are much clearer. While I have had many more bad experiences than good, what is important is that they were shared. If I leave here with nothing besides the friends I have made, I know that my time here has been well spent. Marcus - you have often shouldered more than your fair share of the bad, and you have my respect and appreciation. Rob - the odds were against you from day one, but you never allowed this to hinder you. This is what the "VMI Spirit" is all about. Rhet - I will always remember the Florabama, and the hospitality of your family. Don and Chris - you have been most understanding roommates. Tony - I hope that I have been as good a dyke as mine were to me. Finally I would like to thank my family for their support, mainly in just being there to listen to me bitch..."No eternal reward will forgive us now for wasting the dawn." - Morrison

Dykes: 1988 - Ed Wetherell
1995 - Tony Jaso

Michael Arness

Special Student/Biology

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Mike, Mango, Stinky, CB, Bull

Chesapeake, Virginia

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Band 4,3,2,1; Boxing Team 2; Special Ops. 2, English Society 1; Bomb Staff 1; VMI Theatre 3,2,1; Newman Club 4,1; All Pro. 4; Cadet Waiter 2,1



This has been an adventure. I appreciate all the loving feelings I received at VMI over the years, especially from the administration and faculty. In appreciation of those special times, I'd like to thank a few individuals. I'd like to thank mom and dad for all their love and support. I'd like to thank Garry for tolerating my B.S. for three years. I'd like to thank Maj. Brodie for making my life challenging. I'd like to thank General Knapp for his enjoyable "political" speeches at formations. I'd like to thank the Virginia Militia for boning me on occasion. I'd like to thank that second classmen for the fight we had this summer. I'd like to thank my dog for crapping on the den floor all those times just so I could clean it up. Seriously though, I'd like to wish the Corp my best. I'd especially like to give 92 my best wishes for the future. Thanks guys, your the family I never had. Take it easy. Keep the faith.

Dykes: 1989 - Todd Hookes
1995 - Jonathon R. Craig

Stephen Craig Arnold

Air Force/Biology

Bull, Creampuff, Mr. Fidget

Baxley, Georgia

IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Conduct Pro 4,3; Cadet Waiters 3,2,1; VMI Theater 3; Arnold Air Society 4; Wrestling Team 4





IHTFP - "I Have Truly Found Paradise?" NOT! What does it really mean? I'd rather not say, Sir. As I look back on what this place has done for me (or to me), I see a whirlwind of emotions - both pleasant and painful. I see friends that really weren't, and heartache that could have been avoided. On the brighter side, however, I see indescribably close friends that will stand by my side for the rest of my life. That alone makes this place worth all the effort and trouble that it took to make it through. Paul and Marty - "May the Shrine of Friendship never say die, May the Wine of Friendship never run dry." If you ever need me, just call.
Church and Matt - 92!92!92! You guys are a blast! We've had some great covert dorm parties. Keep in touch.
Mom and Dad - I only hope that someday I can pay you back for all you have done for me. I really do appreciate you guys even if I don't write much. I love you.
Lastly, Christie, if you don't have any plans for the next eighty or so years, what do you say we build a life together? Let's call it a date! I love you!

Dykes: 1989 - Denis Schmidt
1995 - Bill Ward, Stuart Mallory

Paul D. Barnes

U.S. Marine Corps/International Studies

PuD

Lawrenceburg, Kentucky

Honor Court 2,1; Prosecutor 1; Asst. Prosecutor 2; Rat 4; Cpl 3; Mstr. Sgt. 2; A Co. Commander 1; Roadrunners 3,2; Semper Fi 2,1; Bulldog 2; OCS Hater 2,1; Acad extinguished 4,3,2,1; Busy 2,1; Kentuckian 4,3,2,1





To my BR's, thank you for the trust, I hope I didn't fail. To Old Echo, "Hey band, who won Garnet Andrews!" Eric and Lxex words can't describe my feelings and the debt I owe you...most patient of roommates. And Marc You Bumm, I missed you in 91/92. Izzy you opened my eyes thanx BR. To the sinks family, thanx for your understanding and help. To my co-dyke Rob, you're the best. And Dan the 2nd moodiest person in the world, thanx V.P., Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie, my first class year was made bearable because of your gracious home, I love you two. And finally my greatest inspiration, Mom & Dad. When I think of my 3rd class year when I almost lost you, my heart stops. My only wish was to make you proud. You two mean everything to me. Julie, good times are never forgotten, and I'll not forget our time together.

Dykes: 1989 - Todd Patnesky
1995 - Corey Murphy
Chad Anderton

Terry Batts

Army/History

"Little Cat", "BAT DOG" T-bone

Waynesboro, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2,1; Captain 4; Track 1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Lt. Corps of Cadets 1; Member of FCA





It never seemed like the road would come to an end but now it's time to reflect on my four years. The experiences that I have had here at V.M.I. have been memorable. It's hard for people outside of VMI to understand what really goes on inside. However, there are two people in my life that may not have understood, but they stood right by my side. Mom and Dad Thanks. Mom for all of the tears that you have shed, and Dad for all of the inspirational letters and speeches, hopefully, this VMI diploma that I give to you will show my appreciation and love for the both of you. Tracy, when ever I needed someone to talk to late at night, you accepted those collect phone calls. I love you sister. Gloria, Tom, and Pooh, thanks for the cards and prayers. I love all of ya'll. Pooh you have to finish up the race. Grandmother, thanks for the prayers and money. Tia, hopefully you are the one ("remember what that alumnus said at Ring Figure"). Most of all, thank God for allowing me to be strong. Now to the fellows. We struggled but we strived. Don't let this place get the best of you. Peace Dap, Chadwick, D.J.(Marcus), Al Lover, Ray, T. Scales, Jungle, Ken Dog.

Dykes: 1989 - John Parrot
1995 - D. Wilbourne,
B. McMillian

Mark Baush

Air Force/Economics and Business



The Baushman, Bausher

Springfield, Virginia

pvt. 4,2,1; Arnold Air Society 2,1; Ranger (SLI) Platoon 2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Citizen Soldier 1



BR'S we Choose the road less traveled and it was probably the best decision I've ever made. I will always cherish the friends I've made here. As for my roommates; Derick, what can I say? In the last four years you've probably saved my cadetship more than a few times. Franny, I can't say I enjoyed your half hour bedtime rituals, but the sound of you brushing your teeth has lulled me to sleep for three years. To spades playing buddies, thanks for the low GPA, it was more enjoyable than homework. To all my good friends, you know who you are and how much you mean to me. I would like to thank the Commandants staff for the numerous opportunities to become more familiar with the VMI post during my many pt's and tours of confinement-what doesn't kill me makes me stronger. Fellow confinement kids "Scrapers unite!!" Last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to my family. Thanks to mom, dad and my brother Kevin for all the support. I would come home broken, for a respite from the storm, and you would put the pieces together and send me back into the fray whole. I now truly believe the old adage "VMI is a great place to be."

Dykes: 1989 - Robert Lee White
1995 - Steve "Spike" Power

Christopher Bergen

Navy/History/IS Minor



Bergs, Bergman, The Reverend

Jefferson Township, New Jersey

Rat 4, Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, S-1 Lt 1; Trident Society 3; Dean's List 2; Winger Assault Team 2;



Four years have come and gone and it's hard to believe that I'm sitting here writing my 1st Class History. First, I'd like to thank my Mom, Dad, Edward, Annie, Michael, Victor and everybody else in my family, without your love and support I would never had made it through this place. To Frank, you were my guidance and support during my Rat year and my example for the rest of my cadetship. You were the best dyke I could ever had, thank you. Curt and Joe, good luck. You both have what it takes to succeed here. I know you will make it. Last and most importantly, my room mates Carl, Rob and Scott. I don't know how I could ever possibly have managed all of the BS this place has without you. I don't want to say goodbye and goodluck because that sounds to final. You guys are the closest friends and Brother Rats that I have and I know that we will stay close forever. I promise I'll work on my Rebel Yell for ya'll.

Dykes: 1989 - Frank Campion
1995 - Joe Musso,
Curt Webster

Christopher James Bergstol

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Norton, Bergie, Berg, Birdshit

Congers, New York

CPL 3; Ops Sgt 2; Band Company Commander 1; Band 4,3,2,1; VMI Commanders 4,3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Rat Training 2,1; Booze Cruise 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2



Well, this is it. I am finally at the last stages of my 4 year and 3 summer schcool stint at VMI. I look back now and ask myself "how the hell did I do it?" I still do not know the answer to that question. There are many people who have helped me along and made my cadetship one unforgettable experience. First my roommates: Todd, Alex and Tim. You 3 guys have "cultured me in many different ways. It has been a pleasure to room with the 3 of you. I hope I have enlightened youse guys on the New York way of things. To youse guys in Band Co., I hope I done you right this year. Watching you guys progress to the level that you are at now has been worth all the aggravation that I have experienced as your company commander. Keep it up. To my dyke kirk, get your grades up, keep your head up and just do your best and you'll be sitting down to write your first class history like I am 2 nights after its due. Finally Mom, Dad and my sister Annemarie. Your constant love, devotion and support has helped me survive this place. Without you the whole experience would not be the same. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. I MADE IT!!!!

Dykes: 1989 - Brad Brzozinski
1995 - Kirk Dennis

While my twin brother was getting situated for his first year at Duke, I was still recovering from cadre, scratching my bald head, and questioning my reasons for coming here. Three years have passed and I am still scratching my head. Fortunately, the years have passed quickly even though the days seemed to last forever. My dyke tried to explain this paradox to me and, now in my first class year, I am finally beginning to understand.

The ratline seems as though it ended yesterday even though today drags on endlessly. Consequently, the memories of yesteryear are vivid. I will always remember spending Sundays at the Wentz's, late night talks with Colby, Mike, and Sam in 437, room lacrosse with Matt, Clark, and John in 342, and late night "studying" with Shannon, Rich, and Taylor in 505 NEB. I will never forget the "stars in southern skies" of Wintergreen and the penthouse view of Richmond during Ring Figure. Nor will I forget the last two years rooming with Geoff, Carney, and Allen. Hopefully, I will retain the hard lessons learned from the daily drudgery and carry with me more than a diploma and good memories across the stage.

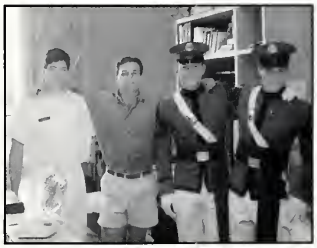
Dykes: 1989 - Coleman Lawrence
1995 - Michael Fellows

William Godwin Berry

Navy/Electrical Engineering

Chuck, Sweet Dick Willie, Geez
Richmond, Virginia

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Regt S-5 Sgt 2; Regt S-5 Capt 1; Lacrosse 4,3,2,1 (captain); Ring Figure Chairman 2; IEEE 3,2,1(pres); Tau Beta Pi 2(sec),1(vice-pres); Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Canterbury Club 4,3, 2,1; Monogram Club 1





D. S. Bishop

No History Available





J. S. Blackburn

No History Available





James F. Blankenship

Air Force/Chemistry



Blanket Party, Head, Boy

Roanoke, Virginia

Pvt. 4; Cpl, 3; Sgt, 2; Pvt, 1; Robotics Permit, 3,1; Club x80, 4,3,2,1; Lab Crew, 2; Sigma Xi, 2,1; ACS 3,2,1; Tutor, 1;



As I look back, I can really see where Charles Dickens got the first line to "A Tale of Two Cities," "It was the worst of times, it was the best of times." This place has provided both. Through confinement, rat torture, administrative torture, I have some of my fondest memories of VMI. This is where I met Rosie B. and found that there is more in life than just work. Thanks are also in order for my parents, who have stood by me during the numerous "down" times. Mike, take care, and don't let this place get to you. Club 3,2,180, what can I say, you guys are the best, and I know you'll go far. Chem Dept., you have all had a hand in making this degree possible, and you have my gratitude for everything. Its been real. Its been fun. But I can't say its been real fun. NaNaNa Na NaNaNa Na hey hey hey goood byye....

Dykes: 1989 - Brandon L. R. Baca
1995 - Mike Gwaltney

Alfredo J. Bonoldi, Jr.

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



AJ, Shmooz, Irish Ginny Wop

Medfield, Massachusetts

Track 4,3,2; FCA 3,2,1; No 1 Club 4,3; Deans List; Virgin Prv 4,3,2,1; ASME 1; Hole Member 3,2,1; Gym Inst 1



A man is never truly a man unless he is still like a child at heart, and a person has never truely succeeded until they have set a new goal to strive for. Throughout the past four years, there was many a time I doubted my goals, finding them harder to reach, or maybe misguided in their path. Whether it be from my Irish-Italian temper or my indecisions of true abilities, these goals were, in one way or another, still obtained by the grace of GOD. I am a better person for attending VMI. I dont even want to think of where I would be without the religious, moral, and loving teachings of my family. Mom and Dad, I love you and thank you with all of my heart. "If your going to do a job, do it right the first time, or dont do it at all." GOD has truely blessed me. Still, there are many friends I have gained here that all have enriched my life. I'd like to say, Chris, even though we had hard times, we still had many good times. We are so much alike and I love you like a brother of mine, good luck. Scott(Spud), Will, Bill, Greg, Carter, Tommy, and the rest of my family and friends, Thank you. Special love to Chaplain Caudill-Let it be THY will, not mine own!- God bless all.

Dykes: 1989 - Black, James 89
1995 - O'Day, Henry 95

Thomas T. Boone

Army Special Student/Civil Engineering



Boonie, Vidal, HBO

Roanoke, Virginia

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3; Academically Undistinguished 4,3,2,1; 220 Mt. Boys (lifetime member); Coors Lite Club 4,3,2,1; HBO Club 2,1; Virginia Gentleman Born and Bred



Well here I am, the night of the deadline, and I still have nothing written. I suppose I should start by thanking God that I have made it this far, without His guidance I would never have come back from my sabbatical. Mom, Dad, Rhonda, and Jason, thanks for all the love and support through both the good and the bad times. I love you all! Mark Kemp, I love you like my brother, thanks for 6 years of the best friendship a guy could ask for. Fathead, after 4 years of living with you I will probably be lost next year. Who will I bust on? Good luck in the Corps. Reggie, Sunday nights will not be the same without the stories about your weekends (ie. women). Shama, rooming with you this year has been a blast. The parties must continue! What can I say but see you next year. Bonham(spazz), keep your grades up, stay off confinement, and hang in there. The worst is yet to come! BR's, best of luck in whatever you choose to do. See you at the reunions!

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Washington
1995 - Jeff Bonham

Kevin Bourke

Special Student/Mechanical Engineering

Bubba, Sloth-Man

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Pvt. 4,3,2,1 Con. Pro. 2,3 Asleep in Class 4,3,2,1 Rugby 2,1 IHTFP Club 4,3,2,1 Up all Night 4,3,2,1





Its 3:15 am and I'm up again. No surprise really. Hopefully if all goes right this will come to an end shortly. My time at the "I" is finally over, and contrary to all of my complaints about this "hole" I will miss it. I will miss the friends that I have made here, and all the good times we have had. Allan, Scott, and Charlie what can I say? Its been a blast (even when you tied me to the radiator). I love you guys. Good luck and stay in touch. Hump, Jay-bird, John, Clifford (wherever you are) I wish you guys all the best, I hope we all stay in touch. Mom and Dad thank you for all that you have given me, and for putting up with all my crap. I love you both. Jerry, Peter, and Beast thanks for the support and jokes about VMI you all helped me make it through. I love you. Courtney, you have made my life here bearable with your letters and calls, Thank you I'll love you always. Jamie and the other rodents, It is as bad as it seems but stick with it. Well thats all I got. Its been real. Later.
P.S. Hey Allan, Stonewall really does wear a dress!

Dykes: 1989 - Jaimie Laib

Churchill Bowles

Army/History

Church

Richmond, Virginia

Honor Guard 4,3,2; S-5 Tour Staff 4,3; Ring Figure Magazine EIC 2; Ring Figure Committee 2; Vice Pres. CPB 1; Bomb Business Staff 3; English Society 1; Prelaw Society 2,1; College Republicans 1; Golf Team 1





Four years ago I was a bald, disoriented rat in the middle of Hell Week wondering why I had chosen the Institute. Through the ups and downs of the next three years I tackled the VMI challenge and even managed to have a good time. Four years later I am still wondering why I came, but now I wear the Ring and am looking forward to a Diploma in May. Over the years I have learned a lot about myself and grown much more than I expected when I arrived in August of '88. First and foremost I must thank my parents. Dad, you were right, this has been the hardest experience of my life, but it's been well worth it. Mom, thanks for standing by me when you weren't sure the "I" was right for me. I made it! Tripp and Drew, two out of three ain't bad, or should that be one out of three? Either way, thanks for always being there. Matt, its been great, but I wish you could have been here for number four. Get out in five and I'll see you in Richmond. Steve, summer school was a blast and Club 173 has made for a great if not interesting first class year. Good Luck! Ed, Doc, Bill and Stu, work hard and play hard in your last three years. Graduate four in '95.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Jones
1995 - Ed Gosline,
"Doc" Dougherty

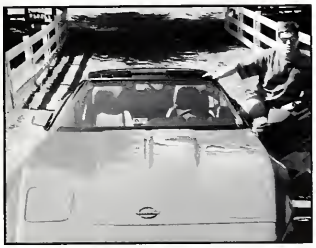
David M. Bradley

Navy/Economics & Business

Dave of Thunder

Clifton, Virginia

Confinement Kid 3; Under Class Car Club 3,2; Drinking in barracks 3,2,1; Academically Recovering 3,2,1,5; Master of Time Space and dimension 5,4,3,2,1; (thanks to Dee Dee); Echo 4;





I have to say that I will never be the same mentally after going through four years at VMI. One thing is for sure the greatest thing that I will take with me is the memories. Brother Rats can't be replaced. Neal, Brian, Kenner, Jeff, Steve, Lee, and John - don't forget Club 267; Neal - B-Ball Games, and motorcycles; Brian - beer runs on foot, skiing, and car shows; Steve (my only WILD friend) - going to hops together, and riding motorcycles; Ben & Lee - my two favorite Koreans. Hunting with Lee, Gambling with Ben; I can't forget my rat roommates Rick (S-1 from hell) & Brian M., with Brian strangling me and Rick sending me to the RDC, I would have never made it through the rat-line with out them. And of course Pud - My favorite Spook. Some quotes to remember: Neal - "Sometimes I wish I were a women," Brian - "I only have one word to say, Grain Punch." Mark (my best co-dyke) - "I've got a head acke this big, and it's got stoop run written all over it." I have to thank Mom, Dad, and Laurel for all of your love and support. I never could have done it without you. Matt, Ray, and Scott good luck in your future cadetships. Taste Death, Live Life!!!!

Dykes: 1989 - David Clement
1995 - Mathew Reiner

Stephen Brandtner

Navy/Mechanical Engineering



Steve, Wildman, Beve

Roanoke, Virginia

Bloodmobile 3,2,1; Pals 4,3,2,1; Number One Club 2; Drinking in barracks 4,3,2,1; Rat Training 3,1; Karate 2

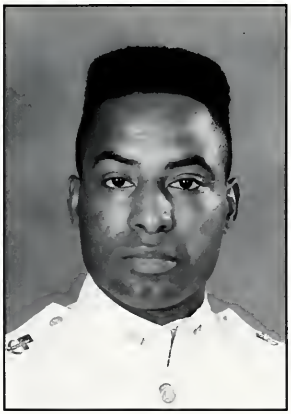


I'm finally here at the end. I had a lot of help getting there. Mom and Dad: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for standing by me through my darkest moments, especially my brush with death.
My best friend Kenner Coon: We may not be LA majors, but we know the true definition of the word PALS. We will be true and life long pals. You are the only one in barracks who knows me as a whole person. See you at the wedding and bachelor party....SALSA!!!
My wild friends: Hurd, Waehler, Monkey, Vause, Ramsey, Jabba etc., thanks for all the extremely good times and stickin' in there with me. They wanted to find "Big Boys"...well, they did.
Club 167: Out of all the stuff I've done, some of the best times have been with you fellas, especially you Dave of Thunder: keep on riding, racing, and shooting.
My rat roommates: We all made it, thanks for the friendship: Jim, Jason, and yes even Kent.
Cornett and MacGregor: Thanks for living with me. MacGregor, good luck in the Army. Cornett, get your ring and graduate. I will be back to check on you.

Dykes: 1989 - Marty Malloy
1995 - Brandon Cornett

Kelvin Bratton

Army/Economics & Business



K.C., Sticky, Untouchable

Roanoke, Virginia

Track 4, Promaji 4, Cadet Investment Group 2, Untouchable 3, ATTAP 1, 139 Posse 4.



First I would like to thank God for his patience and understanding in my times of need. I would like to thank mom and pop for creating me. I would especially like to thank my mom for making me a Man, teaching me the things necessary for achievement. I love you mom and pop. A very special thanks to my lady Tonya, you have treaded dangerous seas with me, carried me over the waves and helped me to arrive at this point in my life. I owe U the world and I am going to do everything to give the world to you. I Love You. To all of my boys: B, Steve, Jeff, Chris, Rob's JP, Juney, Kev, Frost, Lew, Ken, My Boy Marcus, Alex, TB, Dap, Peach, 101, Track Team, Thanks for making this REAL. To my Boys in 103, You guys mean everything to me, you have been there for me each and everyday, and the brotherhood we have is here to stay, the talks and advice have touched my heart, and the bond we have will never part. We've shared everything from GC debts the Huxtables and we will always be known as the Untouchables. Derrick, Sam and Percy no words, gifts or treasures can express my gratitude. U can count on me anytime and any place. RDDD.

Dykes: 1989 - J.C. Gregory
1995 - Matt Harris, John Citizen

Anthony Brinkley

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Stinkley, Brinks, Woop

Virginia Beach, Virginia

CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK 4,3,2,1; CROSS COUNTRY CAPTAIN 2; ALL CONFERENCE CROSS COUNTRY 2; ALL CONFERENCE TRACK 3; PRESIDENT NSPE 1; TAU BETA PI CATALOGER 2,1; PHI KAPPA PHI 2,1, ASME 4,3,2,1; DOVER I '90



Thanks Jerome, Squiggy & Lumpy for making me come to VMI-I'll get u back soon! Bob, Shannon, Keith & Franco-It was rough at 1st but we smoothed it out-ALLRIGHT! Derek, thanks for showing me the ropes. Lee, good luck & remember you only live once...And as much as I hate and love VMI at the same time, thanks for the opportunities you gave to me, VMI. Ted & Chris, that's not a bone! To family and friends, I thank you for the infinite support. Sabrina, Jerome, Mom, Dad u r the greatest!!! Even though u got on my nerves about the grades, Dad, it paid off. BR's, good luck in life. And finally, 2 the 3 loveliest ladies in the world, I give u my humble love. Remember, you only get out what you put in. So why are we here? What purpose does our life play in the history of the Universe? Perhaps we just exist for a brief moment and fade away only to live in the memories of those who loved us. Perhaps not...

Dykes: 1989 - Derek Harris '89
1995 - Lee Grimes '95

Geoffrey Edward Alexander Brooks

Marine Corps/International Studies

Jethro, Brooksy, Melon-Head

Baltimore, Maryland

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt (S-2) 1; Pep Band 4,3,2,1; Jazz Band 4,3,2,1; Conduct Pro 4; Academically Undistinguished 4, Dean's List 3,2,1; Ranger Plt 3; Bulldog Plt 2; USMC OCS 1; S-5 Tour Guide 2; Closet Fascist 4,3,2,1





Hell, I don't know what to say. I guess what I learned from this place is that all that hype about VMI forging some sort of "sterling-example-of-civic-virtue" out of anybody who comes here is just that. There is no "magic dust" here: the people who came here as decent people left as decent people. VMI just enhanced what was already in them. Unfortunately, the converse was - and is - also true.

To all my Brother Rats: "I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve."

To the denizens of Cell 154: You guys are the greatest; I hope it all doesn't just end here. "I have been, and always shall be, your friend. Live long and prosper."

To Karen, my lady fair: You've been more than patient during these last few years. I love You with all my heart, and I hope to one day make you my wife.

And (of course) to You, Mom: Hey, what can I say? We've made it! You have been a source of support, wisdom, and devotion (not to mention "money") without parallel. This victory is as much Yours as it is mine. "May the force be with You, always."

Dykes: 1989 - Matt "Toaster-Head" St. Claire
1995 - Michael "Clue" Castellano

David F Brugger

Special Student/Economics and Business

Cheese, Bobby, Kurtis, Kurd

Blacksburg, Virginia

Ac Dist 3,2; Dean's List 3,2; CIG 2,1 (Pres); Pre-Law Soc 2 (Pres,Tres); TEBA 2 (Tres); S-2 Staff; S-5 Staff; Big Bro-Lil Bro; Circle K; College Republicans; Cadre 1st SGT; Guide SGT; 8th CPL; 9th CPL





I think that VMI affects everything that comes into contact with it, and I am no exception. Some areas of my life were strengthened by VMI, but a few areas might have been weakened. Even though I may have picked up a few bad habits here, I am still very glad that I came. I would like to thank: my parents for their continued support, confidence, and love; Wendi for volunteering to rescue me from "this evil war school;" Dan for just being proud of me; Paul L. for writing me all four years and being my closest friend; Grandma for sending me money; the Porch for trying to corrupt me and also for trying to lower my GPA ? (what?); EZ and Bouch for being great dykes; Dave D., Phil H., Gordy, Chip, and Lance for being a great bunch of friends that I can always count on. I especially thank GOD for helping me with everything that you could possibly imagine.

Dykes: 1989 - Chris Crawford
1995 - E Loe A Bouchard

William Glen Buck

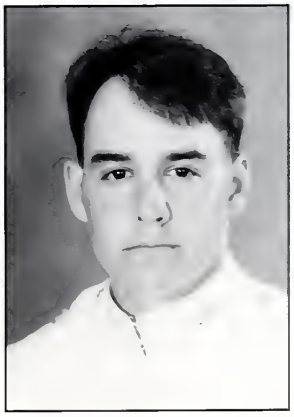
Special Student/Economics & Business

Bucko, Bucky

Lewisville, Texas

Virgin Private; Football 4,3; Baseball 2,1; Unauthorized car 2; Monogram Club 3,2,1.





"In the mist of my endless search the best in life becomes clear. The rest just begins to fade by itself; that's a trick I learnt, though it took so long. Bitter tears taste so sweet. I'm seeing my way for the first time." INXS

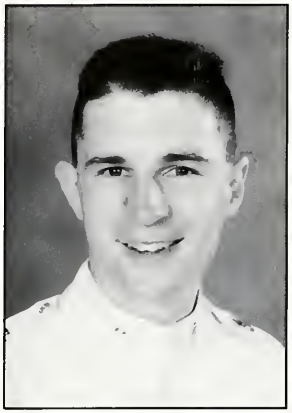
"I shall be like that tree; I shall die at the top." - Jonathan Swift

The game ends...and life begins!

Dykes: 1989 - Dwayne Miller
1995 - John McIntosh

William A. Hawes Buckner

Navy/Electrical Engineering



Bucky, Bobo, Bilbo, Bonk

Marlboro, New Jersey

Boxing 3,2,Co-Captain 1; VMI Dive Club 4,3,2,1; Academically Undistinguished 4,3,2,1; Trident Society 3,2; Society of the Grizzly Bear 4,3,2,1; Booze Cruise 4,3,2; Cell 54 3,2,1; IEEE 2,1



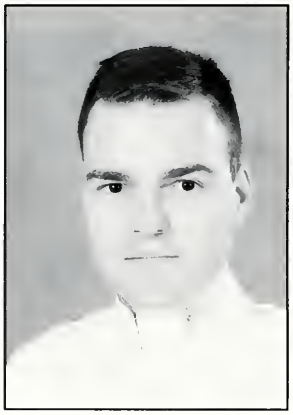
Mom, Dad, and Jonathan, thank you for all of your love and support through thick and thin. I couldn't have made it without you. To my roommates, I couldn't have hand picked a group more in need of therapy than you guys you're all great friends and I wouldn't have had the room any other way. My time here was very different from anything else in my life. I wanted a challenge, and I got it. I have to say that the ride wasn't all that much fun, but it wasn't completely bad either. I guess you just have to take what you can use from this place, and ditch the rest. I know I will always cherish the corps, for they are the backbone of this school, and I will never give up what I have learned from them. Enough mush. Thanks also to the rest of my family, ScoSno, Kern, and the rest of the Posse. Remember, "I love it when they say no." I guess I need a real quote here, since it seems to be all the rage.

"Death is an acquired trait." Woody Allen

Dykes: 1989 - Davin Ruohomaki
1995 - Chris "Chickenhawk" Barkocy

Robert Blundon Burgess III

Marine Corps/History



Burguess, Burgeese

New Canaan, Connecticut

Rat 4, Private 321, Virgin Privates Club 1; Firefighters 3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 2; OGA 1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Burgess-Jones Sheep Transport 1; Summer School 3,2,1; HMWHC 4,3,2,1; Academically Extinguished 4,3,2,1



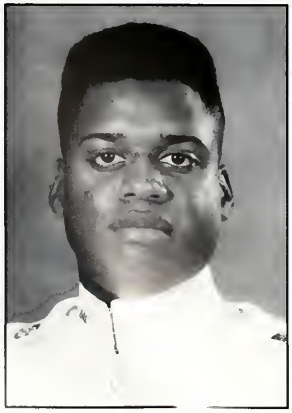
Four years ago a naive preppy boy from Connecticut walked through limits gates, and now he leaves a VMI man. I have changed a great deal, for the better, since I first started here, and a lot of people are responsible for that. I would like to thank them for everything they've done. I want to thank Greg for starting me out on the right foot and giving me much needed advice on life. I also would like to thank my roommates for putting up with me all this time, you guys are great, thanks for helping me through the hardest time in my life. Chaplain Caudill, what can I say? without you, I probably wouldn't be here right now. Darcy, I love you, you helped me more than you know. FOML, thanks for everything guys. I'd also like to thank all the Faculty who helped me along the way. I also want to thank all of my BR's who made my time here more bearable; Good luck and Godspeed. Last but not least, I want to thank Mom, Sarah, the Bentleys, the Beattys, and the Pendletons for all their love and support.

"My Country, may it always be right, but my Country, right or wrong." - Chesty Puller

Dykes: 1989 - Greg "Big Ragu" Rougeau
1995 - David Martin

Samuel Durand Butler

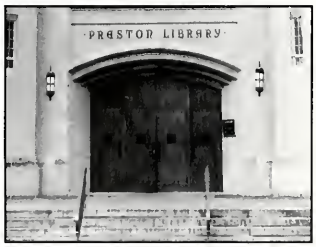
Army/History



Sam, Sweetness

Surry, Virginia

Track 4; Glee Club 4; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Ranger Platoon 3; Untouchables 3,2,1; 7th Corporal; Plt. Sgt. 2; S-5 staff 1



First of all I must thank God, my parents, family, Rob, Chuck, and last but not least my roommates. Each and every one of the aforementioned people have played a very important role in inspiring me to make it thus far. KC, I wish you and Tonya the best and thanks for being straight forward with me. Percy, I pray that things will work out for you. Sonya, and the little bundle of joy that has entered your lives. "D," you've done it all yourself and I can only see success in your future. Guys, thanks for each moment we've shared, especially the late nights when you were doggin' me out. Steve, I know that you have one more, but whatever you need, you can call on me because you've always been there when I needed you. Go ahead and get the "Ring." Junie, watch your back and continue what you're doing academically as well as socially. Dykes, it's time for us to move on. It's up to you to keep the torch from "103" burning. Support each other and this stagnant moment in time will be over soon. –Audi 5000...Peace SAM

Dykes: 1989 - Rob White
1995 - Vaughn Thornton

Jason Austin Carrico

Army/History

Jake

West Plains, Missouri

Ranger Challenge 4,3,2; Ranger Company 4,3,2,1 (CO); Civil War Round Table 4,3,2,1(Sec); AUSA 4,3,2,1 (Vice Pres.); BSU 4,3,2,1;





To everyone I have grown to know, respect, and admire I want you to know how much I appreciate all you have don done for me over the past four years. I hate to say it but it really does my heart good to see you all go and get the hell out of here, soon I will be joining you in the ranks of the alumni. Particularly to Chuck, Brian, Tim, and Mike you fellows have made this place almost bearable. I truly wish you all the best of luck and if you are ever in the Ozarks feel free to drop by anytime...you are all more than welcome. As for "ma" and "pa" you are the most supportive people a man, much less a son, could ever possibly hope for. I guess it is true, there is just some things a person cannot survive on their own. To you all I extend my greatest thanks.
To everyone else just remember the "Redneck Rule of Life" always keep your country music and whiskey close, real close!!

Dykes: 1989 - John Brethour
1995 - John Christman
Andrew Mack

Marty Chadwick

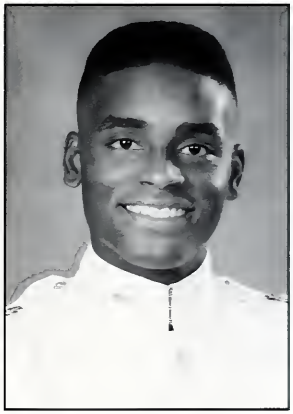
Air Force/Mechanical Engineering

Chad, Chocolate Wick

Newport News, Virginia

Basketball 4,3,2,1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1





I'll be the first to admit that VMI has made me physically as well as mentally tougher. When I first stepped on post on August 15th, 1988, I had no vision, no responsibility, or no sense of direction. Now, I am a sound young man with much pride for myself along with a bright future ahead of me. VMI has given me the ability to understand people, to know when to speak out and when to shut my mouth, and the most important thing; it has made me realize how grateful I am to acquire a quality education for no price at all! Now that I have come to the end of my journey, it'll take "a nation of millions to hold "chocolate Wick back." Now I like to give some shout outs. I'd like to give a shout out to the almighty God and my mother. Thanks. Without those two, my eyes would have never seen this world. I'd also like to give a shout out to the real brothers; Bat Dog, Dap, Ken Dog, Doswell, Lou P., Just Jap, Pittman, B. Mason, KBK, P.C., K.C., Sam, Derrick, and the almighty Buddha, Al Carter. Finally, I'd like to give a shout out to my dyke, Demond Chesson. Stay Black, watch your back, and soon the world will be yours!

Dykes: 1989 - 1988 Lennon Mings
1995 - 1995 Demond Chesson

James Frank Cherry

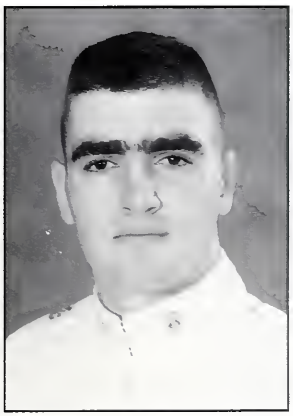
Marine Corps/International Studies

UB, Unibrow, Popper, Buster

Horseshoe, North Carolina

RDC 1; Wrestling 4,3,2; PLC/A 2,1; Semper Fi 1; Conduct Pro 4,3,2; Sabatical 3; VTCC 3; Special Ops; On-Post Repelling Club; On-Post Spelunkers Club; Gumby's 2,1; Associate Den Head 2,1; Euchre Club



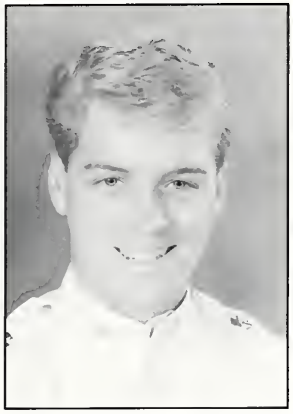


Well, where to start? When I first started this adventure four years ago, I didn't really have an explanation as to why I was going to attend VMI instead of going to a "normal" college with everyone else. Hopefully after graduation this year I'll be able to do that. First, I need to thank the guys that have shared almost every experience with me while here at VMI, and still managed to keep it together for four years. John and Erik, I couldn't even pretend to think that I could have done it without you two. Doobie, even though you seem to have taken more crap from me than anyone should have to, you were actually able to make me see things from a view other than my own. Something I know I needed to do more than once. Erik, what can I say. The weekends at Tech., the late nights studying, too many good times to try and mention. We're outta here, and the real party is just getting started. Fellow swimmers, one of the things I'm going to miss the most, but I'm glad to be out of the water. Too much attitude (not!). Mom and Dad, I love and owe you both very much. Kelli, you've made the difference these last two years. It's been worth it.

Dykes: 1989 - Stephen M. Chiles
1995 - Shannon M. Lucas

J. W. Whiting Chisman III

Navy/English



BOOTS, Senior Chief, Schmoo

Hampton, Virginia

English Society 3,1; Rugby 2; Horseman 4,3,2,1; Crease Club, President 4;



As most would say, I could not have made it through VMI without the support of my family; Thank you Mom, Dad, and Elizabeth - I love you all. I have many fond memories of my time at the Institute. My dykes set me on the right track when I got here and I will remember that the Horseman are gonna ride. To the boys of 142, ya'll have been great roommates and after we graduate we will just go out and "Have a good one!" We have had many good times and the laughter has kept me going. But what could we have done without our cohorts? Partners in crime it has been great. Zeigler, I don't think our friend flossy will ever forget us. Daytona '91 was quite a time -"Jerry, don't go in the water! Wait, how long has he been under?" Zig, Thanks for checking my breathing on the way back from Savannah. The good times I have had with Claude, Big Bird, Haaa and Sloth need not be innumerated. Late night in the room can't be counted alone. To the boys in 112, there are many beers to be drunk before the year is over; we'll have to get on it! Jerry, the Gold Club awaits our presence. I'll see everyone on the other side; Mr. Majo Risin

Dykes: 1989 - Gordy Fox
1995 - Jeff Godby

Tom Christman

Army/History



Elvis, Heat Miser

Richmond, Virginia

Football 4; Ultimate Frisbee 3; Cadet Staff 2,1; Drug and Alcohol Committee 1



This really wasn't my idea of college; I am still not sure why I came here. First, I must thank my parents and family for giving me the chance to attend VMI and constantly helping me through the many problems that I have faced. I love you all. To room 128 -Neal, Zulu and Quad - well what can we say, we have beaten them at their own game. If this place ever knew the things that we've done here, they would never let us graduate. Sloth, wake-up! Rick - your friendship has helped more than you'll ever know, thanks for being my best friend. Granger - thanks for teaching me, Tray - hang in there kid.
"Can you give me sanctuary? I must find a place to hide." The Doors
"I will get by, I will survive."
The Grateful Dead "Sun is warm as the day is long, I just got the feeling I can do no wrong."

Blues Traveller

Dykes: 1989 - Granger Gilbert
1995 - Tray Tyson

Jeffrey Lynn Clark

Navy Special Student/History



Country

Everett, Pennsylvania

Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Wrestling Captain 2,1; Drug & Alcohol Committee 3,2.



It's time to say goodbye to the "I," I'm not sad though. The four years have come and gone, but not fast enough. I have learned a gread deal from the "I." I salute room 117. To all the good times and the sad times. To Mom and Dad what can I say, I love you both for your support and understanding. Later in life I will take care of you Mom and Dad as you did for me. Coach Trudgeon, I thank you for giving me a job on the mat for four years and for all that meal money. Glenn Schwab, thanks for mending my broken body in the training room. To my host family, Chuck and Betty Johnston, thanks for the warm family atmosphere on weekends and a parking lot. Shane, you will never be forgotten. Someday we will meet again. Until then, please look after me from above.

Pain is only weakness leaving the body!

Dykes: 1989 - Matt Tederick

James Hamilton Clotfelter

Special Student/English

Clothead, C-feeler, J.R.

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Original F-Trooper 4; Cpl. 3, Rat Plt. Sgt. 2, X.O. 1; Cadre 2,1; Rat Training 1; Tour Guide 3,2; V-Ball 2; English Society 2,1;





Though I do not truly understand my feelings for the place which I have called home for the past four years, and my memories are mixed and confusing, I can say I would not change a thing. I am certain my vast array of experiences will one day fall into place, and form a foundation from which I can proceed onward in my life. These experiences would not have been possible without the love and support of my parents. I hope you can recall my years at VMI with the same fondness as I do. To all my roommates, who are too numerous to mention, thank you for putting up with me and my many moods. Courtney, thanks for being a kid when I needed to laugh, and for being a great friend when I needed advice. You will... well, you know. Jim, thanks for understanding. Steve D., I am forever grateful for all you taught me about VMI and myself, minus the headbutts and right hooks. Jeff, I hope I have continued the strong line of dyke relationships which you are a part of. Thanks Mushroom Head. Michelle, I hope the great times we have had together will be what each of us carry away as our memories. They are too pure to be forgotten.

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Druiett
1995 - Jeff Lord

Joel Coleman

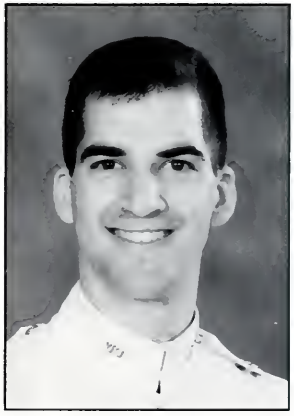
U.S. Army/French and Int'l Studies

Middle-Aged Man, Dad

Crofton, Maryland

Rank: Yeah, but I kept getting busted for hazing; Dean's List 3,2,1; Ring Artist; Bomb Artist 1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Sentinels 1; Drug and Alcohol 2,1; Ranger Challenge 3,2; Motorcycle Crash Club 2; Uno Machete





I came here and didn't know anything. Now I've learned tons and I now know nothing. Everything changes; life slams everybody, and God gives us what we deserve. Maybe I deserved to come to this place. Well, I liked it, sometimes. Now let's leave. Mom and Dad, thank you for being cool. I love you, God bless you. Michele, I'm tired of waiting, let's go get married and have kids, deal? To everyone I met and got to know here, Thank you for the opportunity and experience. Who knows where life goes now? Probably back here in 25 years: We'll pull out our Bombs and laugh at how young and stupid we were. Anyway. These four years: Stupid, laughing our heads off. I guess that's the whole point, laughing at the idiocy. To my closest friends, I will write nothing, because nothing I could write would do you justice.

"Gemir, plurer, prier est egalement lache
Fais energiquement ta longue et lourde tache
Dans la voie ou les sort a voulu t'appeler
Puis, apres, comme moi, souffre et meurs sans parler"
Alfred de Vigny

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Peyton
1995 - Guy E. Hall

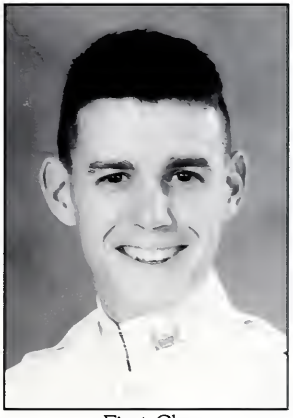
Kenner M. Coon

Army/Mechanical Engineering

Austin, Texas

First Rat Sentinel 4; First Corporal 3; Msgt. 2; Cadet Captain/Echo Company Commander 1; Ring Figure Comm. 3,2; RDC 2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Academic Stars 2,1.



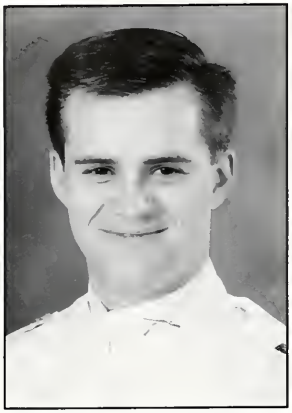


RAT ROOMMATES: Jason & Jeff, We finally made it. MOM & DAD: Thank you for all of your support in making my dream of going to VMI come true. Mom, I still remember that first phone call as a rat, thanks for the words of encouragement.
CARLA: My Girlfriend & Bestfriend, Thank you for always being there for me and being patient. It was a long four years, but I would not trade it for the world. I love you with all my heart.
STEVE: BRRAAAANDTNEEEER!! One who knows the true meaning of the word "PALS!" Listen up, I got somethin' to say, it's better to burn out, than to fade away! There can be only one! Hello Bob, Goodbye Bob! CHIPS??? WOOGIE BOOGIE BOOGIE BOOGIE, MOOOOOO See you at the wedding.
NATAS:HMMM
DUH, Waldo/JABBA: Doctor-O-Love/SADDAM: Chorro Boracho/TRENT: Scoobie,PSST HEEYAA!/CLUB 167: Take care guys/BRADLEY: Gotta stamp!/HURD: Landshark/RAMSEY:Cliff Hangin' Boooeeys!/CROCKER: Hey Cooker, I won the tire smokin' gear grabbin' race!! See Ya!

Dykes: 1989 - Jonathan A. Paul
1995 - Sean R. Swineford

Neal Corson

Army/Economics & Business



Coors, Corsonna

Williamsburg, Virginia

Rat Training, 3; Ranger Plt, 3,2,1; Ranger Challenge 2; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; Lt 1; Spades Club 1; Club 67 3,2,1



As I think about the four years I've spent at VMI, I'm thinking, what a load of S–t. The one saving grace throughout VMI has been Catty, thank you, I love you! I don't know how my roommates have put up with me, but thanks! Dave I'm sorry for all the times I've woken you up over the years. AH..., NO I'M NOT!! Brian I hope your 5th year here is a good one. I'll come back and laugh. Wise, you were always a sorry excuse for a cadet. You better not let that woman go! Steve, stay WILD! Lee, you are always going to be a Korean LOSER!! Dannyboy, you redhead loser, one of these years I'll make you wild. Mom and Dad, thanks for your help, support, and love. Dave Bradley's famous quote, "Neal take some clothes off!!" Brian, if only I had a video camera that night you were on the floor. Is it really over! Can I go home now!!

Dykes: 1989 - Sean Dooley
1995 - Ray Jaklitsch

Douglas Scott Council

Special Student/History



Bird, Buzzard, rrpbsbof

Suffolk, Virginia

Football 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Frat 204 2; Death Valley 3,2

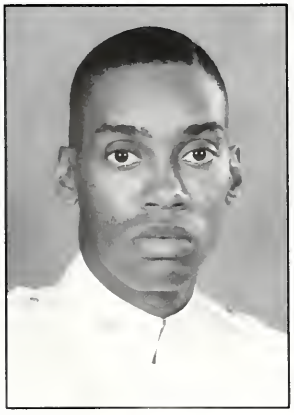


As a senior in high-school, the thought of attending VMI did not exactly excite me. However, I wanted to go to a school where I could get a quality education and play Division I football. When it came time to make a decision between VMI and West Point, I chose the one with the lesser military obligation.
Unlike many schools, VMI is a place that you want to graduate from as soon as possible. I cannot say that VMI has been enjoyable, but there certainly have been some good times. I would like to thank my roommates, Head, Little Fella, and Shapa, for the late nights of joking and partying. To all my friends, I would like to thank you and hope to see you in the future. Most of all, I would like to thank my Mom and Dad. Believe it or not, I realize you have bent over backwards for me and I thank and love you for all you have done. Without your love and support this pinnacle would not have been possible.

Dykes: 1989 - Brian Pannell
1995 - John Devlin

Percy Lee Covington III

Air Force/History



PC, "P", P-nut

Roanoke, Virginia

Varsity Basketball 4,3,2(co-captain)1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; "The Untouchables" 3,2,1; Sergeant 2; 3rd Batt. S-6



First, I'd like to thank God for blessing me! Without him, I would not have made it! I also want to thank my mom because without her encouragement and support, I don't think I could have made it here for 4 long years. Next, I want to thank the "love of my life" Sonya, without you by my side this place would have been unbearable. The best is still to come(smile). Of course I have to mention Shaniqua', I never thaught it possible to love someone as much as I love you! Now, I can't forget my roomies, K.C., Derrick, and Sam, well guys we had our doubts whether or not we would make it, but we did. Thanks for the memories, the laughs, and the pig stories, I love each of you like brothers. May God Bless each of you in your endeavors. To my dykes, keep studying, always remember "we are each others"(smile) and rm.103 will always be in full affect. Last but not least to my grandmother, my love for you will never die, may you rest forever in loving peace.

Dykes: 1989 - Lenin Mings
1995 - Terrell Milam
Barry Miller

Travis C. Cox

Air Force S.S./History/minor English

Glen Allen, Virginia

Rugby 4, VMI Theater 3,2,1, Corporal 3, First Sgt. 2, Lieutenant 1, Intramural Staff 2, S-2 Staff 1, Dean's List 2,1.





One could never hope to sum up four years at VMI in one paragraph. The last four years have, of course, had their bad points. However, the good has always outweighed the bad. And now, on the eve of the first real accomplishment of my life, I feel confident that I made the right choice when I decided to come to VMI.

There are so many people that have helped me here, and I am grateful to them all. Nat; I hope that I have provided as good of an example to my dyke as you did for me. To the class of '92: I will always be proud to call you Brother Rats. Adam, Trent, and Mike; I could not have had better roommates. I am really going to miss you guys. Most of all, I would like to thank Mom, Dad, and Tara. I can never repay all that you have given me. I love you all very much. Finally, to my dyke, Andy; Do as I say and not as I have done. You have been a good dyke, and I am sure that you will do well here. So long VMI.

Trust in your calling, make sure your calling is true. REM

Dykes: 1989 - Nat Cross
1995 - Andy Schultz

Mark R. Crocker

Army/Mechanical Engineering

Reggie, Betty

South Hill, Virginia

Regt. Cpl; Regt. Sgt; 3rd Bat S-3; Baseball 4; Cadre 3,2; Color Guard 3,2; Coors Light Club 4,3,2,1; Ring Figure Honor Guard Commander; Dean's List 4; ASME 4,3,2,1; Virginia Gentleman Born and Bread.





Well, It's finally here. We made it! When I say we I mean everyone that made it a little bit easier. Mom & Dad, thanks for all your support. We had some good times didn't we? Jason, don't do it unless you really want it. Homies, what can I say? We all had our arguments but the good times definitely outweighed the bad. Vidal, take it easy and keep on moosing! Shama, MacGyver, Bluebook, I'm glad we ended up as roommates. I won't forget the standing three count. Fathead, PG, two and a half years of insults, black eyes, numerous stereo & computer arguments and we are still the best of friends. Bookmark, all the short jokes. Oh Yeah Coon, The Usual, You lose! Maybe one day I will let the MUS-get an engine-TANG see the front end of the Vette. Oh dyke o'mine, good luck at VMI. It's been real fellas. Thanks again Mom & Dad & here's to those back home that didn't think this day would come for me. GRADUATION!! See ya!! I'm outta here!!

Dykes: 1989 - Tom Inge
1995 - David Tillar

Wilson Jay Current

Navy/Chemistry

Bambam, Wop, Link

Newton, New Jersey

Wrestling, Rugby, Special Ops., Drug and Alcohol comm., ACS (vp), 3rd stoop Wimbledon, Pvt 4, 3, 2; Lt. 1, Dean's list–not, AC stars--be real. NROTC AC review board 2,1; swirley comm. 2



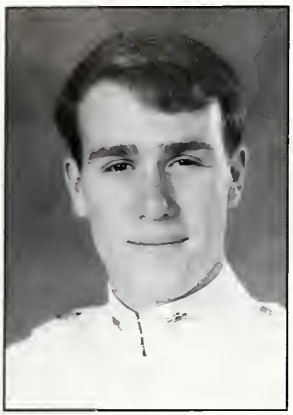


Here I am writing my first class history, and as usual I've waited till the last minute. It's been 4 years of hell and most unfortunately I'll be here in the fall (late again). This is much too short to encapsulate all that I have been through, so I'll skip to the basics. First, BR's it's been real and at times fun, but it hasn't been real fun. To Adam, you'll be making the first million, just don't spend it all on Mad Dog. Trent, you bassethound, don't forget to let Jason and I over to serve. Head, quit peeking in on the monkeys. Recondo Lough, when in doubt shoot first. To our live in roommate, Mars, I'll miss your babble. Irish Guinea Wop, quit cheesing. Greg, once again you've gone all to hell. Jason, you Arabian monchichi, the warden has extended our sentence Bro, so we've got more to look forward to (yea, right). I'd also like to thank my family and friends for their love and support. And my last thought on the "I"...Why ask Why?

Dykes: 1989 - Tommy "TC" Curran
1995 - Pat "Patricia" Kennedy

Michael Campbell Dalton

Special/History



Dawg

Suffolk, Virginia

Baseball 3; Sneakin' in duh Movies 1; Brother Cardinal's 2,1



Nannie and Grandady, thank you for giving me the inspiration and resolution to go through life. Mom, you've been there for me through it all. You're the best and I love you. To the rest of my family, we're the tightest and I love you. "DD", you're my best friend and will be 'til we meet our maker. I would like to thank Doc, pretty Eddy, Uncle Bill and family, JJ, TCFS, Paula, and most of all the Boy's of the Porch! VMI has taught me to laugh and take it easy in order to get through the trying times. So, I leave with this quote, "—Old Bull, let's run down there and have sex with one of those cows; —No Young Bull! Let's walk down there and have sex with 'em all." - COLORS

Dykes: 1989 - Ed Herrington
1995 - Richard Fontanilla

John Lynwood Darby III

Air Force /Chemistry



Doobie, Doobage, Elrod

Temperanceville, Virginia

American Chemical Society 1 (Pres.), 2,3,4; CIG 4; OGA 1; Pvt 4,1; Ops Sgt. 2, Swirley Committee 2



There is no possible way to describe all the emotions that surround this four year experience. All I can say is that I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. Everyone who has lent an ear, thank you for helping me keep my sanity. Mom, Aaron and Dad, without you're love and reassurance I would have never made it through my first class year. David and Suzy, I never ran out of sob stories; thank God for the telephone! To all my fellow "gluttons for punishment" in the 72 hour club, I wish you the best and like you, hope that all those long afternoons in lab were well worth the effort. Clifford...Clifford...Clifford, that's all that needs to be said. The greatest gift VMI can give you is the friendships you make during your cadetship. Erik and Jon, your the best friends I've ever had. At our 20th reunion, Erik will still be rationalizing everything; Jon will throw in a whatever and I'll be lost somewhere in the conversation. Mike, we didn't stray far from home (224 & 226), we'll be the only two left to walk across the stage. All that remains now is the diploma. Have we made it up that hill yet? Not yet, our final test awaits outside these sheltering walls, in the real world.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin P. Wood
1995 - Roderick T. Thompson

Anthony Craig Davis

Air Force/History



Pigmy, Knute, J.B., Sponge

Dallas, Texas

Football 4,3,2; Special Student 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Weight Training Staff 2,1.



Dude! I'm not really sure what I want to say, but here it goes. It's been a long, long four years. I never really liked this place, but for some reason I kept coming back. I don't know if it was my friends that I kept coming back for or that I really couldn't see myself not finishing up here, after all I've been through. Mom & Dad, I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks for putting up with me. You'll never know how much I appreciate all you've done. I love you both. Shea, thanks for all of those late night talks. Drew, you sure grew up fast. I hope you achieve your dreams.
Now for the boys. To the corner, y'all made this place interesting to say the least. Buddy, "the G.P. stick doesn't run for another hour." Avi, you crazy redneck, "Where's my pig?" Borus, we've been through it all together, and I'm sure there's alot more to come. But first, let's get out of here. Jason, stick with it. This place isn't that bad. Buda & Chad, "Has the stick run yet?" Lou, "get out the lamp shade!" Last but not least, the throwers, "Back to the Kieser machine." To anybody I forgot, you know who you are, be cool.

Dykes: 1989 - Bill Crone
1995 - Jason Barnett

Edgar L. Davis III

History/Special Student

Rotten, Fast Eddie, Yankee

Fleetwood, Pennsylvania

Soccer 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Survived Jerry 3,2,1; Video Club 1; Procrastination 4,3,2,1





WOW! Has it really been four years? Am I actually counting down the days until the end of my "Cadetship?" Thank God! I guess when everything is said and done there will not be anything else to do or talk about. Things here have not been that bad, and I am fortunate to have survived. I owe that survival to many people, and I would like to thank (punish) some of them for their support. I would first of all like to thank my parents for being so supportive and always being there to help me get back on my feet when I was down. My only hope is to one day be able to pay them back with as much love, understanding, respect, and friendship that they have shown me. I would like to thank my roommate, Jerry, who always helped me look on the lighter side, and who listened (even if he did not care) when I had something to say. I would like to thank my brother and the rest of the family for always (sometimes) keeping in touch and letting me know there was life on the outside. My only regret is that my father could not be with me to celebrate the end of my term. Dad - I love you. Courtney, Alex, the entire soccer team, I would not want to pass time with anybody else. Fegster, take care and stay cool.

Dykes: 1989 - Derrick McCown
1995 - Eric Fegly

Charles Wayne Douglass

Air Force/International Studies

Tigger, Slob, Glutton

Niceville, Florida

Rat, 4; Cpl, 3; Regt S-4 Sgt, 2; Willcockson's Little Helper, 2; By-God Private, 1; Tour Guide 4,3,2; Ranger PLT 3,2,1; OPFOR 1; USAF Problem Child 3,2,1; Academically Extinguished 4,3,2,1; Lost 1





When I came here, the Iron Curtain was still standing, the military was pensive, and I knew everything. Now, Russia is falling, Germany is united, Desert Storm has burned away the shadows of Vietnam, cutbacks threaten me and my BR's, and the more I learn the less I realize I know. I can't express what VMI has taught me in my four years - patience, hatred, dedication, apathy, honor, sarcasm, desire... the list goes on. But still, I am proud to wear the Ring and wouldn't trade my years here or the friendships made for anything.
Haeberrail, the years have been difficult and the path long since Club 450. We finally made it, and made it together. Keep in touch. Kamin - SOMEBODY has to give you a commission sometime. Keep trying, you deserve one. Jake...what can I say? You were there through the mud, the blood, the sweat and the tears and I for you. Simple words can't express my gratitude. Mom and Dad, thanks for believing in me. Bryan and Chrissy, best of luck and stay in touch my friends. Janet, you waited so long, I hope I'm worth the wait. And Rats, do what we taught you, not what we did. God Bless.

Dykes: 1989 - Tom Fanshaw
1995 - Rats of the Enchanted Kingdom

Hugh Coleman Dowdy III

ARMY SS/Biology

Rowdy, Huge

Petersburg, Virginia

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Bloodmobile 3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 2; Hop & Floor Committee 4,3,2; Big Brother/Little Brother 1; Circle "K" 4,3,2; "The Porch" 3,2,1.



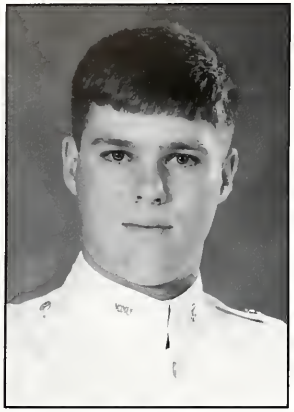


It seems like just yesterday that I was straining without hair and headed for the fourth stoop. Now, all of a sudden I have a first class private's belt dangling around my waist. That time didn't pass, however; without many good times and fond memories, as well as a batch of the greatest friends one could ask for. Nux, we missed you on your sabbatical to England; but we could not have asked for a better roommate, The Kurd, to fill your shoes. Miles you have been the perfect roommate and Dave we've been together since rat year. I'm sure you will represent room 112 well in the armed forces. As I head for the exit some of my closest friends will remain. Andrew and Chad, I guess it's your turn to keep "S" out of trouble and to prevent Tick from wandering astray. Adcock you've done a great job, good luck and continue where your dykes left off. Mom, Dad, Angela, and Tim thanks for the support and good food. I love you and I hope I've made you proud. Granny and PaPa I appreciate that consistant, weekly letter that made even the hardest times of my cadetship seem easy.

Dykes: 1989 - Jay Lawson
1995 - Robert "Adcock" Nesmith

David Earl Downs

Navy/Mechanical Engineering



Big'n, Double D, Honey-Bear

Suffolk, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2,1; Unauthorized Vehicle 4,3,2; Deans List 4; Marshall Museum 3,2; Academic Self Destruct 3,2,1



I have made no profound impact on the beloved Institute. However, I have left many small marks on the people and places I have crossed on my path here. I hold most tightly to those friendships, for lack of a stronger word, which have formed in these years. I am thankful for the opportunity for higher learning, especially VMI with its special lessons in lilfe. I thank Jason Gray, Mary Mantz, Doc Monsour, Michael Dalton and oddly enough Baseball for making it possible to conquer the daily struggles. Most of all, I thank my family for having the pride in me that was always my backbone. I end these thoughts with a quote thats seems more realistic each day here..... "tough times don't last, tough people do."

Dykes: 1989 - Jason Gray
1995 - Goodrich Turnage

J.J. Driscoll





No History Available

Fitzgerald E. Drummond

Army Special Student/Civil & Env. Engineering



Guru, Old man, Highlander

Richmond, Virginia

Track 4,3; TBP 2,1.5; Tutor 2,1.5; NEB Ragged Edge Club 3,5,3,2.1,5; Meredith 4,3,2,1; RAT 4; CPL 3; PVT 2,1.5; gone 1; Rack Monster 3,2.1.5; IHTFP 4,3,2.1.5.



"Then how should I begin / To spit out the butt-ends of my days and ways / And how should I presume?" Some part of my soul will stay here forever in a perpetual Inferno of cadetship after cadetship, without the hope of deliverance that I now cling to. Something inside of me died here, but this death has made room for growth that would not have been possible otherwise. Meredith, your patience and love through this trial have been heroic; I will always love you and hope that we are never parted again. To my parents and family: your support gave me strength when my own failed. To COL Jamison, COL Buckner, Dr. Schneiter, and the rest of the CE faculty; your wisdom and friendship will guide me forever. Thank you for an education worth the frustration. To the friends that I made here: I'll see you again when the stars fall from the sky and the moon has turned red over One Tree Hill.

Dykes: 1989 - John Giltz
1995 - Garry Bailey

W. Trent Dudley

Air Force-SS/Economics & Business

Yuppie, Dudman

Va. Beach, Virginia

Rat 4, Corporal 3, Master Sgt 2, Lieutenant 1; Cadet Investment Group 1; Pre-Law Society 2,1(Treas); Cadet Staff 1(Asst Ed); Lacrosse 4; Economics and Business Society 2,1





Trent has been the best friend I have made at VMI. I first got to know him by staying at his house for Corps Trip. Since then we've suffered through VMI together. We have been through VMI's highs and lows always with a sense of humor and a bottle of beer. Trent is a friend to all who know him. I'm sure he'll be successful in whatever he decides to do and he can be sure I'll be there to mooch off him. - Adam - While VMI may have been harder - than other colleges, at least it wasn't as much fun either. Actually, I have had a lot of good times. The corps trips, Ring Figure, and the road trips to name a few, and there is still more beer to be drunk. How I ended up here I'll never know, but one thing I do know is how I made it through. I'll never forget the friends I've made here. Adam, Travis, Jason, Will, and Mike, thanks for all the good times and support. Dad, Mom, Trey, and Meme, you all are the most important people in the world to me, thanks for everything. Good luck Rich. To all my BR's and friends, good luck and God bless.

Dykes: 1989 - Randall Willard
1995 - Rich Pitchford

Charles L. Dunn, Jr.

S.S./Civil Engineering

Chip, Grit

Sharps, Virginia

Virgin Pvt 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3; Cadet Waiters 2,1 Acad Pro 2





It seemed like it took forever for it to get here but I guessed its finally arrived. Mom, Dad, Robin and Joe thanks for believing in me even when there wasn't much to believe in. Chuck, Woody, and Charlie, its been great living with you guys, even if it was a little crowded living with the butt. Woody, get out of the Navy ASAP. Charlie good luck with the job hunt. Chuck, it'll be our turn in 16 weeks (I hope). Believe it or not I may actually miss you guys. Mom and Dad be happy b/c I did learn something in college. One can not live w/o the finer things in life, 1) a comfortable rack 2) Washington Redskins Radio Network 3) An ice cold Bud. Bill and Jon stick with it, its actually worth it. If anybody needs me I'll either be in my rack or at the Palms.
"Hey guys I heard we have a sweat party tomorrow."
"What's this RDC stuff everybody's talking about?"
"Spades anybody?" "Come on Charlie we'll only play an hour, two tops."
"Its a leading question." Sure it was Charlie.
"Who is Willie Shoemaker?"

Dykes: 1989 - Matt Gallagher
1995 - Bill Percival
Jon Gaskins

Jason Dylik

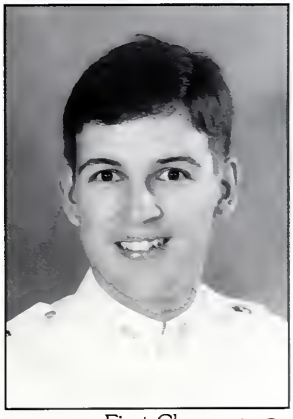
Navy SS/Biology B.S./French minor

Jake, Dick, J-Fresh

Blasdell, New York

Rat 4, Cpl(9th) 3, Pvt 2, Pvt 1; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; President 2; Trident Society 4,3; Institute Scholars 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Big Brothers 3; Hospital Volunteer 2,1; LA 4,3,5 Scientist 3,2,1; Cynic; Jailed OD 2;





"Ci falt la geste..." As the train prepares to depart for the next station in life, I have a few minutes to reflect. The Institute wasn't any fun, especially for me, but that was not through the fault of any of the good dudes I met here. Steve (R-I-T-C-H) thanks for four years of commiseration in tandem. We did all right. Todd - the LoveMaster - for the stories and stuff - take it easy, CREEP!
To the rest, including DLPS, Derrick, DPM, and Chico, you don't need my written words to know what I think of you. Thanks, fellas.
And finally, my family - Mom, Dad, the Ace, and Rex - you have taken so much of my frustration and anger and returned it as love. "Hey Dad, how was Daytona?" With your heart fixed, I think you'll see 50, plus some. "Can't you just write her a letter?" Hey, ma, I was making memories. I'm waiting for the crayons. X - thanks for all - I am so proud you are my sister. All my thanks to the Lord for being with me, for I can do all through You. HB 12/21/70 AJD 10/16/87 GD 9/16/88 "I will remember you." AG Oops - there's the whistle - gotta go - thank you and goodbye. Pax tecum semper.

Dykes: 1989 - Andrew P. Demaio
1995 - Erik N. Bauserman

Timothy Michael Dzierzek

Marine Corps/History



Dizzy; Jerz

Port Charlotte, Florida

Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; Pvt 4,1; Palm's Patron 1; OCS 3,1

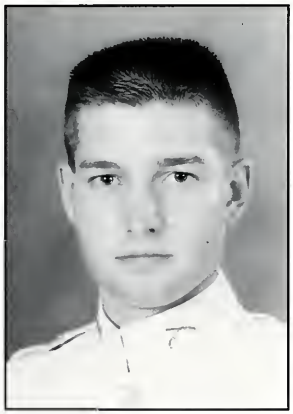


"All men are equal, But he is best who comes from the severest of schools." - Thucydides Why would an eighteen year old high school graduate from Florida, New York, come to an out-of-the-way military school like V.M.I.? The first few months seemed to make stupidity the reason. But, as the months turned into years it seems like it was a good idea. My reasons for coming to V.M.I. are forgotten now. They have been covered over by the joys and sorrows (mostly sorrows) of life at Mother "I." But the one thing I do know is that it has made me a better person - a V.M.I. man. I also know that I have grown up alot here. I must thank my roommates, Tom and Mike, for putting up with me for so long. This especially means my roommate for four years, Tom. Thanks Mom and Dad for all the encouragement (and money) you have given me. Thanks also go to Gary and Heather for two years of fun. Tom, remember if it feels good do it. BR's, good luck and may you "be all you resolve to be."

Dykes: 1989 - George Noewatne
1995 - Maurice S. Lewis

Jeffrey J. Eget

Army/International Studies



JJ, Egg Man, Jersey

Robbinsville, New Jersey

F-Troop 4,3,2,1; PVT 4,3,1; SGT 2; RGR PLT 4,3,2; Rat Training 2; Wierd's Buddy 4,3,2; Conduct Pro 4; IS News 2,1; Egg Man & Egg Woman 3,2,1



It seems a thousand years ago that I matriculated, and as I look back, the pain and turmoil seem only a fleeting memory. However, the Rat Line will forever be a part of me.
"A boy and his Puppy, a man and his Rat." - Ken Krynski Barbara, you stood by my side since Third Class Year, and have dealt with the petty rules. From Game Sticks to shortened summers you have patiently waited for me to finish. (One prison to another??) We'll see. (like dyke, like dyke, help received Seth Ainspac) Barbara, I love you with all my heart, and I can't wait to make you my wife! To my BR's, family, and Barbara, without whose help I would have never persevered; I can never fully show my appreciation.

Dykes: 1989 - Seth D. G. Ainspac
1995 - Sean Ellis

Carl E. Engstrom

Army/History



Eng, Stinky, Frodo

Gaithersburg, Maryland

Boxing 2,1, Glee Club 4,3,2,1, Big Red Club 3,2,1 (Pres.), Winger Marksman 2, WSOR FM 108 DJ



The family comes first. Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. Without you I never could have finished what I started. I love you, and you too Caffy. Next comes the friends. I'm not being cocky but there are too many to name. So to those of great girth, large buttocks, hairy backs,, or simple minds, you guys are the best friends I've ever had. To my roomates, Rat to present, if somebody doesn't like you then they've got a problem.
I believe that VMI offers a man a chance to discover his strengths and deal with his weaknesses. It forms friendships that will never die. I would never do it again and I would never trade it for anything.
Lastly, to the dykes. Thanks Paul, Tom, and Jim. If I'm half the dykes you guys were I'll have done well. Pete and Chris take things in stride, blow things off every once in a while, follow my example, learn from my mistakes, and drink MBL!
Good-bye VMI!

Dykes: 1989 - Paul Mele
1995 - Chris Fuller, Pete Resh

There isn't enough room in this brief history to list all of my likes/dislikes with this place. There is, however, enough room to quickly thank a few of the people who have made it bearable. Dave, I'll never forget your Jekyll & Hyde routine at JMU. Thanks for always being there with a chew and a laugh. Miles, if I had to do one Marathon, I'm glad I did it with you. You have been a great roommate. Hugh, the trips to Squidny/Bushwood were the greatest. When are we going to write Milwaulkee's Best a thank-you note. Turk, you're a super dyke and you've proved that I'm not THE biggest idiot in the world. Mags, Will, Ash, Dave and Allison, thank-you for all the rides, visits and support. I wouldn't have made it without you. Finally, Mom & Dad, I couldn't have asked for better parents. You have given me opportunities that I will cherish forever. I hope that I have made you proud and I love you both.
-"It's easy to grin, when your ship comes in, and you've got the stock market beat; but the man who's worthwile, is the man who can smile, when his pants are too tight in the seat." - Judge Shmellings

Dykes: 1989 - Kent Doane
1995 - Douglas Hayden Fisher (Turk)

Charles Whitner Enochs

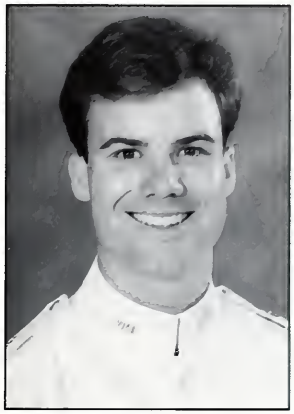
Special Student/Civil Engineering

Nux

Prince George, Virginia

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 1; Circle K 4,3,2; Hop & Floor 4,3,2; U.S.M.C. Marathon 2; England Sabbatical 2; The Porch 3,2,1; Boxless 4,3,2,1; Where's Tick Club 1; Who won the Fight Club 1





Well Boy, it looks like your time is up. They are letting you out of this Joint! You're going to be let Free. So how do you feel? He says nothing, just walking away shaking his head. His four year journey through the Abyss has come to an end. He lets out a scream, aah!! There is light at the end of the tunnel. I thank the man upstairs for guiding me through. Some day it will pay off in the long run, I hope. To the CC and Track guys, keep on winning you poptarts. Don't think, just run! It's all in your head. To my coaches thanks for everything. Just think you do not have to put up with Jersey anymore. To Blue Velvet thanks for making prison life sleepable. John hang in there, your sentence will be over before you know it. Allright! To my prison pals your friendship means a lot to me. More than words can say. Thanks for being there. To my cell mates, Jay and Paul, God Bless you guys. Follow your dreams! Remember I have two weeks. To my Mom, Dad and Bro. thanks for all the help and support. I couldn't of done it without you. I love you! I'll make you proud. Well Buds our time is up! Later Days, Slime on and think Calvin!

Dykes: 1989 - Jack Toepfer
1995 - John McLaughlin

Richard Joseph Falcone Jr.

Special Student/Economics & Business

Falc, Falcon, Nurse

Highland Lakes, New Jersey

Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1 (Capt), Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1 (VP), Monogram Club 4,3,2,1, Giants, Yankees, Devils, The Boys of Winter, Buds, The Society.





It is hard to believe it's time for me to put some words down in the Bomb. Matriculation, Sweat Parties, Rat Training, Breakout, Ring Figure, everything seems just like yesterday. First of all, I thank the government of the Republic of China and the Chinese Military Academy for giving me this opportunity to be here and your continuous support throughout four years. Thank you to VMI and this country, for broadening my knowledge in all fields, building my character, and letting me experience what makes America, America. Finally, thank you, all my dear friends, for your always kind help. Without you all, I can never make it through. Farewell! BRs. This ending begins another battle of life Never quit, my friends! May you all have a brilliant future and good luck always.

Dykes: 1989 - John T. Corley
1995 - Sae Han Lee

Chia-Jung Fan

Chinese Army/Electrical Engineering

Taiwan, Republic of China

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Dean's List & Ac. Star 4,3,2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Phi Kapa Phi 2,1; IEEE 2,1; Army Summer Camp 1991 RECONDO qualified; Barracks Electrician 1.





Tzu-Jen Fang

Navy/Computer Science



Smiley, Fangster, T.J.

Tainan, Taiwan, R.O.C.,

Private 4,3,2,1; Dean's list 4,3,2; Academic Star 4,3; International Club; Sports Medicine 2,1;



For a while, I didn't know what to put down. After all, I have many things to say, but I don't know where to start. Inevitably, I want to thank all the people have helped me directly or indirectly, materially or spiritually. Thanks to my government for sending me here and all the pay checks they gave me. It makes my life different. Thanks for the support of my parents & my family, and the airmail from my dear friends, although they didn't write me very often. Thanks my friends for not hiding from me and wasting their time on me every summer without complaining. Thanks Matt for answering all the stupid questions I threw on him w/o being irritated. Thanks Matt's family, Mr. & Ms Sizemore for adopting me as their another son, although they already have two excellent ones. Thanks for those people who were mean to me. I learned a lot from them, too. All the discouragement and frustration I've encountered become my motivation to overcome the difficulties. God bless all of us. I don't blame those impolite and mean people, because VMI makes them this way. They are just another victims under the deviant tradition. Live to learn.

Dykes: 1989 - John Patrick Piedmont
1995 - Joseph B. Call

Michael Anthony Foesch

Army /History



Bob, Chunky, FOESCHMAN

Charlotte, North Carolina

Football 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Academic Probation 4,3; TCFC 1992 T-Shirt Designer



Mom and Dad I want to thank you for believing that I could make it through the good and bad times at VMI. Without your support I would never had made it. I Love You. Mike has always "Foesched" to a different drummer, and fortunately VMI has done nothing to change that Whether it be the chunkys that kept him bouncing off the walls or the little bald men that bit his toes at night, he has always been a source of levity in an otherwise gloomy place. We all thought we had lost him due to an unexpected alcohol induced sabbatical, but fortunately he just couldn't stay away. Who would have thought that between salsa chugging and working his sweat glands to their full potential, that Mr. Vegas would be able to master the difficult and dangerous. Pogue shimmy, much less find the time to introduce the world to his innovations in portable toilet paper barracks will miss it's resident artisan. Our loss is some art schools gain. Good Luck FOESCHMAN. To the guys in 102 I'll always remember the great times we had together. Mark Twain, The Spirit of Todd, and Ogie kept my life here somewhat normal and I'm honored to have you as best friends.

Dykes: 1989 - Dan Magrew
1995 - Sid Mitchner
Mike Ledford

Robert William Fowler

AF Force/Chemistry



Rob, Daisy, Fowl, D

Newport News, Virginia

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Rat Daddy 3,2,1; Con Pro 1; Summer School 4,3,2; Hop & Floor 3,2,1(V.P.); Cinema 61 3,2,1; Pres. Inaug. 4



I came to VMI for a challenge. That was an understatement! I hold a lot of memories from my four years at the "I." Even though I would not do it again, I do not regret coming here. I owe my experience here to my parents. Thanks Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you.

To Rob and Rich, well, what can I say, we finally made it. You guys really helped me through this hole. Rich - Stay away from those "psycho-women." Rob - Good luck in your career as a "rock star."

To my "Part-time" roommates (Fang, George, and Devon) I hope you enjoyed your stay in Motel 61.

To Squirrel, Doobie, Will, (and Jim?) - I still wonder if it is really worth all the work – I doubt it!

Just remember - "The memories of a man in his old age are the deeds of a man in his prime." -

Roger Waters (Pink Floyd)

Dykes: 1989 - Tony Lake
1995 - Geoffrey Taylor

AHH! To sum up VMI in less than a page. SCREWED, SCREWED, SCREWED, SCREWED. Actually it hasn't been that bad, and in fact I learned quite a lot while I was here. I would like to thank my BR's who are the sole reason I stayed here. I would like to thank my family who gave me personal, not to mention financial, support in the dark days of rat and third class years.
In closing, I think the most appropriate statement I could make for my endlessly enjoyable sojourn at this Hotel California would be "But sir, I was the victim of a cruel hoax" - for Rob and the GLC.

Dykes: 1989 - 89' Charlie Anderson
1995 - 95' Mason 'Schitz' Backie

Scott Gerald Francis

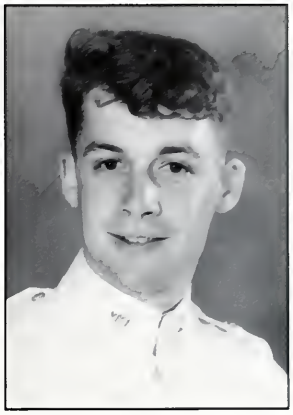
Navy/Mechanical Engineering

Franny, Spud, Psycho, Scott Laroq

Broomfield, Colorado

Waterpolo 3,2; President, Society for the Advancement of Zeppelin 4,3,2,1; Mark Baush Babysitting Committee 3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; ASME 3,2,1; Smooz & Spud Club 3,2,1.





As I passed the sign for VMI on rt. 81 I finally realized what I was getting into on that fatefull day of Aug. 16 1988. Rat year went by quickly and we said goodbye to our dykes as we became 3rds. How we survived this year I'll never know. RF 92 was a blast! "I did what to a grand piano?" Finally we are firsts and I for one am ready to get out of this zoo!
To my teachers and friends at Fishburne Military School, I am forever grateful. W/o FMS I would not be writing this today. Mr. HURD and VALLAH! It's been 4 crazy years but we finally made it! Best of Luck to the both of you and please let me sleep in peace now! Rats, Jono, Mike and Kelsey, keep the Tradition Alive and make us proud. You are all our class has to look back on. Finally, to my parents without which I never would have survived this place, thanks for the food Rat Year and not worrying. Seriously though, thank you for your never ending support and caring during this special time of my life.
"Welcome to the jungle/ It gets worse here very day/ Ya learn to live like an animal/ In the jungle where we play"
"I don't need a mouthpiece, I got dental insurance!"

Dykes: 1989 - Randy Wood
1995 - Jano Carlson

Keith Frantz

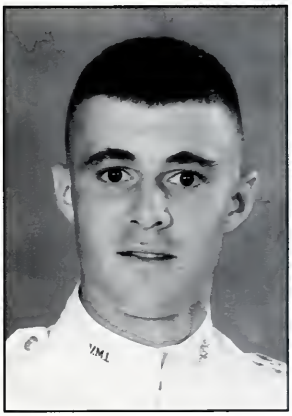
U.S. Marine Corps/History

MONKEY!!, EL MONO, Hard Luck

Blacksburg, Virginia

Rugby 3,2,1; Rat Training 3; RM.20 pre game/parade cocktail 3,2,1; Bravo Co. cpl, Mstr Sgt., Color Sgt., Golf Co. commander: cadre 3,2,1: RDC 1 : Bulldog Plt. 4,2; illegal Monkey Mobile 3,2; broken jaw 1;cursed 3,2,1





My four years here have definitely been different, from day one on out. I've learned a lot about myself and the world and the lessons are valulable ones. Thanks a lot to my family, and especially to Marlee for making my last two years here the best of my life. To my roommates, I would not trade you guys for any friends in the world-- thanks a million times for being around, and if you're ever in my neighborhood and need a beer, you know I've got it. Others who get a mention of thanks: Dave Barry, Ayn Rand, Rush, Anheuser-Busch, RMCS, Led Zeppelin, Gozer, Hokie, Chuck, Tom, Rich, and of course all my brother rats.
"Violence, naked force, has settled more issues in history than has any other factor, and the contrary opinion is wishful thinking at its worst. Breeds that forget this basic truth have always paid for it with their lives and freedoms."-- Robert Heinlein

Dykes: 1989 - Rick Brown
1995 - John "Retch" Byram

Daniel Wayne Franzen

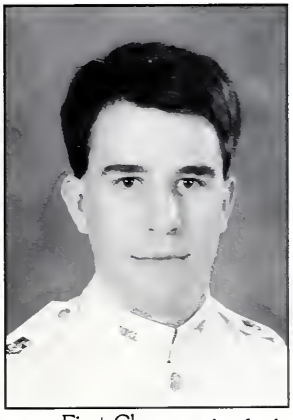
Air Force/Mechanical Engineering

Fumbledigits, The Man, Honk

Cleveland, Ohio

Cadet Staff 4,3; Boxing 2,1; Cell 54 3,2,1; Arnold Air Society 4,3; Brotherhood of the Grizzly Bear 3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Ac Stars 3,2,1; Study Abroad 2; 100 PT's Club 3





Bryan P. Frazier

U.S.M.C./Spanish



Fraz, Fud, Elmer

Narrows, Virginia

Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Cpl, Pvt 3; pvt-Sgt-pvt 2; Pvt-?-pvt 1; S-5 tourguide 3,2; Spec ops/Bulldog 2; Sli OPFOR 1; "Our Gang" bartender 2,1;



I came here unsure of myself and without purpose. After 4 years, I'm sure there is no purpose. I've seen good times and bad. More good, I think but I had my BR's to pull me thru the bad. (and good) Eben and my dykes in room 150, you should learn from our examples, and never let self down destroy you. Secondly, When in doubt, Rack. Rely on each other and you will have as good a time here as possible. Tim, Chuck, Jake, Mike, and Rob, what's to say, except maybe "Ala Ak Bar." It's been fun and it's been real, when we were together it was real fun.

To Crissy, Bobba Louise, you have seen me through the good and the bad times. You were always there when I needed you. You are as much a part of Our Gang as the brother rats. I don't know which is more exciting, Graduation on May 16 or our wedding on the 23. I love you and soon it will be our time, like we have always promised each other.

Finally, to all my brother rats, I'm sure our paths will cross again someday. When they do, We throw on who pays for first round. Until that time, FAREWELL...

Dykes: 1989 - Harlan A. Carvey
1995 - Eben Townes

James Frey

U.S.M.C./Mechanical Engineering



Jay, Jaybird, Semper Frey

Ridgebury, Pennsylvania

Rugby 3,2,1; Cadet Photo Editor 2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; ASME 1; NSPE 1; Illegal Car Club 4,3,2; Lt. 1; Cpl 3; Bulldog Plt 2.



Finally, this four year odyssey is coming to a close. I've waited a long time for this "first class" year of freedom and fun. Physically leaving this prison will be greatly welcomed. However, emotional detachment to my many great experiences and friends here shall never be. Mom & Dad, thanks for all the love and advice you've given me as I slowly became a man. Karen & Dawn, I cherish every moment we spend together...you two are the greatest sisters. Grandparents thanks for the "home away from home" and all the support you've given me. Matt, Tony, and Dan, thanks for being such great friends and roommates. Our differences have provided as much comedy as they have kept us together. I wish you all the best of luck. Best of luck to my fellow Ruggers...I had a blast! Many thanks to the M.E.'s who made all the hours in the "hole" memorable and rewarding. Nature Boy, Huzz, Howie, Bubba, Flippy, Monkey, etc. thanx for all the great times.

Till we meet again.....

Dykes: 1989 - Wayne Sinclair
1995 - Mark Shutkufski

Erik Shawn Fuller

Army/Mechanical Engineering



Butthead, Eric

Wheaton, Illinois

Rifle Team 4,3; Ranger Challenge 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2; Lieutenant ?; Canonball Committee 2,1



Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. You cannot shirk this and be a man. To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and inexcusable traitor, to yourself and to your country, let men label you as they may. - Mark Twain -

To be a good soldier you must love the army. But to be a good officer you must be willing to order the death of the thing you love. That is a very hard thing to do. No other profession requires it. That is one reason why there are so very few good officers. Although there are many good men. - Robert E. Lee -

They were the best of times and the worst of times, but in the end I guess I'll only remember the best. I must thank my parents for always being there when I needed them. I also want to thank Scott, Jeff, Chris, Colby, Dan, Bill and Geoff for helping me through the worst and making the best. As for the 'I', I can't say much, but maybe someday I'll have something good to say about it too. For now all I have to say is 'I wanna Kill!'

Dykes: 1989 - Bill Bersing
1995 - Chris Hartwell

Geoffrey Fuller

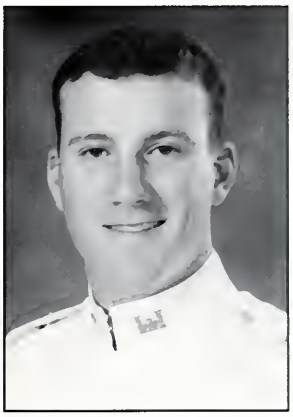
Army/History

Little mule, Old Man

Harrisonburg, Virginia

Rat Training 4; Rugby 4; 2 year Extracurricular Activity; Swim Team 2,3; Swim Team Captain 2; Rat Training Cadre 1; Col. Monsour's slave 1; Corporal 3; Regimental s-6 sgt 2; 3rd BN S-5 LT. 1





Matriculation seems like it was almost ancient history and some would venture to say it was for me. Once upon that time, matriculating into the "Old Corps," I quickly realized the only way to understand what happens here is to experience it. The emotions that are felt, the barracks, and your friendships are beyond words. My cadetship has been a little fuller (no pun intended) than the usual cadetship. A two year trip to FT. Sill shocked me but was well worth the time. As for more recent history, it's smoothing out the bumbs for my dykes and taking the experience week by week. I could never thank my big dyke Mulefish, for standing next to me through thick and thin. Thank you Mom and Dad for all of your help and getting Van Halen to play at the graduation party. Too bad it is on tape. And Bo, it has been even better being able to be here with you.

Dykes: 1986 - Kerry Cassell
1995 - Robert Steele, Jamie Joyner

John William Fuller

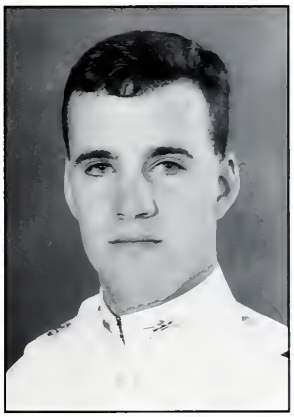
Air Force/English

Zippy

Harrisonburg, Virginia

Sergeant 2; Water Polo, 3,2,1(Vice-President); Peer Alcohol and Drug Educator 2; New Cadet Counseling and Retention 1; Writer, Cadet Newspaper; Illegal Car Club 2; Marathon Permit 4, Dean's List





My decision to come to VMI hyas often been questioned, but never regretted. I know that I have received an education in four years here that no other institution could have given me in a lifetime. This education, however, would not have been possible without the love and support of many people, and for that, I thank you.

To my parents, I wish to thank you for providing the highest degree of love and understanding during the hardest of times. Thank you also for the guidance and support which has brought me what I have today.

Many of the people of VMI have also been supportive in my success here, most of which being my roommates. Dick and Joe, you always come back to the basics, and you guys have been the inspiration for me to come back after each semester. If it were not for you, my VMI experience would be meaningless. Thank you, and I know that the party isn't over yet. Wayne, you gave me all of the support I needed when I needed it most. Thank you. Finally, I want to thank my brother, Geoff, because, without you, I would have never come to VMI, and I wouldn't have been able to have such a close friend for a brother.

Dykes: 1989 - R. Wayne Jones
1995 - Michael S. King

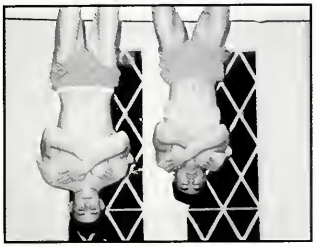
Jeffrey A. Galon

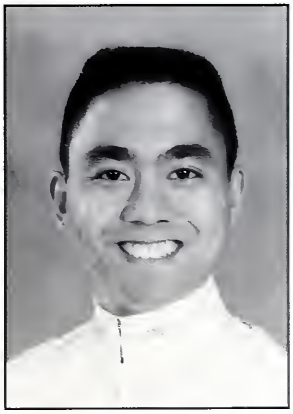
Air Force/Mechanical Engineering

TOJO, 1/2 PINT

Warner, New Hampshire

Rat of some sort 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2; Cadre Cpl 3, S-2 Sgt 2, Plt Lt 1; Glee Club 4,3; Arnold Air Society 2; ASME 1





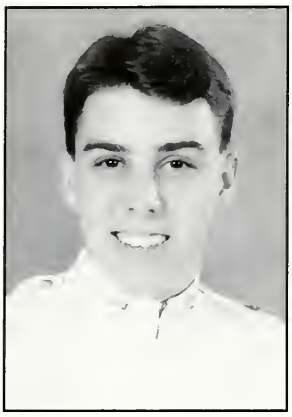
Ah, the humble abode. I hate this place. I always have and always will. I love this place. I've never shown it and never will! The past 4 years have been HELL. It seems as though every "door of opportunity" was slammed in my face. Every light at the end of the tunnel was just a frieght train coming the other way. I still ask myself, "Why am I at VMI?"..."Why is this place so damned backwards?" Well, THAT'S Life, and it's just the beginning; so get used to it.

Mom, Dad, without you I wouldn't be here. You are the foundation of my success. I love you both. Coontune, you were an academic inspiration. Sometimes, you were a pain in the butt. Nonetheless, because of you, I now have infinite patience and can tolerate just about anything. Thanks for everything, Kenner. "Ride the wave." To Sean, and especially Ben - take what comes and hold your head high. Persevere! Good luck in your endeavors. Drive on, ECHO! Finally, Brother Rats, our time has come. Best of luck in life, '92! Just remember...watch out, because BOHICA! Thank you all. Thank you, VMI! '59-VMI-'92

Dykes: 1989 - "Big Al" Versoza
1995 - "You can call me Ben" Crawford

Daniel Gaskell

Navy/History



Smiley

Richmond, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Anti-Corps 4,3,2,1; AC PRO 3,3.5,2; Number One Club; HLAA V-P 3; WOOP Society 1; Brass Ensemble 3,2; 92 BQ 3,2



What do you mean it's over. It just started! I guess time flies when your having...but I didn't. I figure it's time to talk about my four year rollercoaster ride. Does this thing ever have a downhill? I'm going to get a nosebleed soon. A million unemployed comedians and here I am. Anyway... Mom, Dad, Mike, and Laura - Thank you for always being there. It's because of you that I made it. Thanks for sticking by me through thick, thicker, and thickest. I love you all. Jangks - The Black Triangle Shall Prevail! To my long lost bro Bruce- Our flask has no bottom, and you know the rest. Body- Thanks for the fun! You can share my box anytime, Homey, John- If it's Scottish, it makes a really great friend. And then there is Ed. WE MADE IT!! Thank you for keeping me sane, even though I made you crazy in the process. There is so much I could say, but I know you understand. Brian- Hang in there and Good Luck! To the Institute, Good-bye! To all of my friends, Good-bye but not farewell. WOOP!

Dykes: 1989 - Ike Matenopoulos
1995 - Brian Kellner

Paul Leroy Gettle

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Neanderthal, Gett, Doc

Chesterfield, Virginia

Rat 4; Cpl/Pvt 3; Sgt/Pvt 2; Pvt/Lt 1; Chapel Marshal 2,1; AAS Chaplain 2,1; Intramural Ops 2,1; OCF CIC 1; "Gett Method" 4,3,2,1



Graduation...hmm, interesting concept. First, thanks to the Lord, family and friends for getting me here and keeping me here. Many thanks to Chaplain Caudill and the Mrs', Wednesdays and Sundays and everytime in between. To the Hammond's; we shared more than a name uncle, there's a Greek word for it somewhere. Mrs'H - what can you say? To my female cohorts: maybe Rantfl is right in calling me "Womanizer" just keep the hugs and smiles coming.
Rich and Jay, thanks for taking me off the streets, it has never been dull. The Midnight Marauder in the real world...Heaven help us. Blonde Boy, try and not buy the whole world...where would you put it? Brother Rats, Good Hunting.
To Adam and all who care: No this is not an easy place, but I have welcomed the challenge. What you have earned and who you are no one can ever take away. VMI has given me an appreciation of that and whatever happens ... DRIVE ON!

Dykes: 1989 - Andrew Rose
1995 - Adam Maurer

Marshall Ian Geyer

Army/Computer Science



Skeletor, Skel, Geyerbody

Staten Island, New York

Private 4,3,2,1; SGT 2; MNMB S-4 1; Fencing 4,3,2; Ranger Plt 3,2; Tanker Plt 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Dean's Other List 2; Stars 2; Sloth 4,3,2,1; Barracks Terrorist 2,1; Banned From Europe 3; Bomb Circulation Manager 1;



Four years of cruel and unusual torture is more than any poor soul should endure. My only hope is that I have learned enough self discipline and management skills to make my future an outstanding success. I would like to thank the following people who have made my stay here all the more enjoyable: The Officers and NCOs of the Army Department for giving me the chance to prove myself - AIRBORNE! My estranged roommate, friend, and co-terrorist, Rick Kurtz. Thanks for all the good times we had reigning terror. My Brother, Grant, attending the VMI of the north, I am sure our paths will cross in the Army. But most of all, Howard and Ellen Geyer, who have always believed in me and supported my every move. I owe everything to them. Dad, I gave'm hell!

Dykes: 1989 - Bob Alder
1995 - Ex-rat William Lee

Thomas James Gnecco

Army/Civil Engineering

Greko, Mean&Nasty, Ge!

Vienna, Virginia

Waterpolo 3,2; Bombstaff 1; Conduct Pro 4,3,2; Pvt. 4,2,1; Corporal 3; Summer School 3,1; Killington Vt Ski Posse 3,2





I had no idea of the immensity of the task before me when I matriculated, and I realize it is not yet over. My thanks goes to my mother, father, Grandma and Grandpa Oakes, roommates (including the one from '90), brother rats, and my friends from home. To my mom, I know I didn't always use the best of my judgement over the past 3 years, but things will work out anyway; my dyke, Ben you taught me more than you think; and finally, Elvin this place isn't as bad as it may seem sometimes.

"Some Suckers just tickle me pink"

Dykes: 1989 - Ben Griswold '88
1995 - Elvin Cabrera

T. Adam Gregory

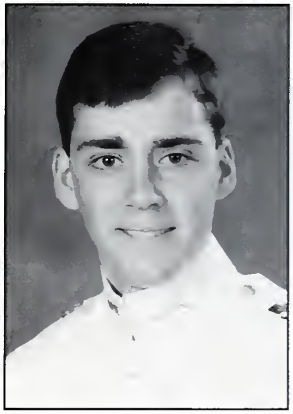
Navy/Economics & Business

Saddam, Squirrel

Bethseda, Maryland

Rat 4, Corporal 3, First Sgt. - busted 2, Private 1; Academic Stars 3; Virginia Program at Oxford 2; Economics Honor Society 2,1; Cadet Staff 1(Bus. Mgr.); Pre Law Society 2,1; TDS 2 (founder), 1; Conduct Pro 1; CIG 1





Adam, I think we finally figured out why VMI is the "road less traveled," it's because it's no fun. Actually, since our first corps trip to Norfolk, I think that we've proven that VMI can be pretty fun. We've been through a lot together since the old rat F-Troop days. If it were not for you and my family, I probably would not have made it all four years. You've been my best friend and BR. Thanks for everything. When your a rich executive, we'll get together and drink some expensive beer for a change. Good Luck. Your Pal, Trent. --

To begin with, I would like to thank God and my parents for their support during the last four years. Without it, I couldn't have made it. The friendships built at VMI make up one of VMI's only redeeming qualities. I have been lucky to build strong friendships during my cadetship. Such friends include Trent, Travis, Jason, Kenner, and many others. I have also had roommates that I will never forget including Doug, Franco, Matt, Will, and Mike. Without these friends (and beer) my cadetship would have been a dismal existance. I wish all of my friends luck, and curse the ones who give any money to this place.

Dykes: 1989 - Chris Mitchell
1995 - Bob Benz

Noelle Kent Gring

Army/Mechanical Engineering

Unfriendly

Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania

Ratline ('84 & '88); Conduct Pro 4,3; Ac Pro 2; Ranger Platoon 4,2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 4,1





My affair with VMI began eight long years ago on 15 August 1984. In December of that year I decided to take a 3 1/2 year vacation in the USN aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71). On 16 August 1988, I once again passed through Limits Gates to begin my second tour in the Ratline. My final four years at Mother "I" brought far more difficulty than I had anticipated yet somehow I do not regret having come back to the "I." I still feel that VMI is composed of one of the best groups of people anywhere (Although I sometimes have my doubts). I would like to thank my parents for always being supportive of my decisions right or wrong, and especially Marcee for enduring both me and the VMI System for the past 2 1/2 years. Finally, it is on to bigger and better things. I wish the Class of '92 the best of success.

Dykes: 1989 - Matt Martin
1995 - Cris Mitchel

Taylor Shane Grizzard

Navy/History/English



Grizz

Mechanicsville, Virginia

Indoor & Outdoor Track 4,3; English Soc. 3,2,1; College Republicans 2; ConPro 4,3,2; Photo Ed. '92 BOMB 1; Virgin Pvt.; Master Permit Writer 3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 2.



Now that I'm finished being a Cadet I'm glad that I've come clear on why I've endured it these past few years. I used to either doubt or rationalize into belief all of the dogma about VMI's various systems and how they will combine to, "Make you a man...Build unity and brotherhood...teach responsibility...etc." Finally, as a First Classman, believing a lot of that stuff isn't as hard–I just feel it..This experience has been incredible and I would never say that it hasn't been worth it. So, I guess most of what they say that VMI will do for you is true. Let's all pray it will never have to change. Mom & Dad thank you for putting me through this place with all of the love and support you have always shown, I don't think I'll ever be able to repay everything you've done to help. Lance and Travis, I love you both for being great brothers and friends. Thanks for the support from home. Grandman and Grandpa, you've always shown me more love than I thought possible. I love you and thank you for everything. For all of my friends I wish the best of luck. BR's, I only need remember Shakespeare, "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." Gypsies, It all comes down to you.

Dykes: 1989 - Bob Harris, Randy Williamson
1995 - Steve Morris Fan Club

Robert Joseph Haeberle

Army/Mechanical Engineering



Casper

Annandale, New Jersey

Fencing Team 4,3,2,1; Ranger Platoon Team Capt 1; Tau Beta Pi; Pvt 4,3,2; Lt 4,1; Confinement 4,3,2,1; Studying 4,3,2,1



My parents say it doesn't seem like four years ago they first brought me down here. I agree. It seems more like ten. But even if it were a hundred years, I would still remember lying in bed that first night thinking, "What have I done?" I actually think it was harder on my mom and my girlfriend than on me. I only had to live with the Institute, they had to live with me. I love them both and thank them for putting up with it all. I also thank my sister who was always there to cheer me up and my father who 'encouraged' me to study. When it is over there will be many things that I will never miss. And maybe even a few that I will. But either way, I'll never forget. Although, there are somethings that I might prefer to. Like shooting a bottle rocket at the OD and the cross country hiking and gun club. But in the long run the fun times will stand out. Carrying Chuck back to barracks in jeans and grey blouse, going to mixers with Kent, racing back to beat the stick, Spanky's, Carlos O'Kelly's, Delta Gamma, spring breaks, and even studying till 2am and then getting up at 6am for morning PT (in care of Sgt. Habern). I'm proud of what was, hopeful for what will be.

Dykes: 1989 - Seaborne J. Whatley
1995 - Rob Coglianese

Walter Hale

Air Force/Civil Engineering



Rusty, RRRrrr

Roanoke, Virginia

Football 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Dental Club 3; "THE PORCH" 3,2,1; ALL-COCKE HALL 3,2,1



What can I say now that the time is finally here. I have made it to my 1st class year. This wouldn't have happened if it weren't for alot of special people. I must begin with The Lord because it is He who has given me strength and such great family and friends. Thanks to my parents who always went out of their way for me. DAD, thanks for all the late rides back and for 'fitting the bill.' MOM, thanks for the great food that kept me well fed when Club Crozet didn't. I LOVE YOU BOTH! Mary we have grown so close over the years. You stayed with me; "WAITED" & "UNDERSTOOD" many times when other girls wouldn't have. I feel our future together will be great. I LOVE YOU! Frank, I can't begin to say how much your witnessing and friendship has meant through the years. I wish you the best of luck, Lance, someday I hope to see how great TEXAS is for mysell. To all the guys on the porch 116-104 thanks for the great times. Mac, thanks for the friendship the 1st year. Johny, you helped me see that "the path less traveled" is worth taking. Joe and Brian, keep your heads up, and keep going because it will all be over soon. YOUR WRRRONG

Dykes: 1989 - 1989 Anthony McIntosh
1995 - 1995 Joe Doyle, Brian Ucciardi

Frank Harrar

U.S. Marine Corps/English

Hoorah, Hua, Hooya, Yut

Wheeling, West Virginia

Rat 4, 30 day Cpl, Master Sgt. 2, Born Again Pvt 1; Semper Fi 4,3,2,1(Pres); English Society 4,3,2,1(Pres); Roadrunners 3,2,1; Special Ops 2; Midnight Rappellers 2,1; Denheads 3,2,1; Secret Society 1





Call me Hoora. My story here is an unusual one, but then again, so am I. The more strange I've found this place to be, the more I saw how well I fit in; and if the Institute's story is really a confession then so is mine.

I came here a highly motivated, hard-chargin', short-haired, warmonger, and I leave here, a highly motivated, hard-chargin', short-haired warmonger. However, the things I have learned here and the bonds I have made will be forever etched in this high and tight jarhead of mine. To the English Dept., thanks for helping me maintain my insanity and see through all the b.s. Mom & Dad, without you, none of this would be possible. Mom, you were always there to listen. Dad, your unspoken confidence gave me confidence to get through the worst of times. To both of you, I am forever in your debt. Gentlemen of the Glorious Sinks, you were my life-blood, and I'll miss you all. Rick, Brian and John, we were the only ones sadistic enough to live with each other, and oh what a time that was. Whatever you do, drive on and get some! To THE TEAM, I thank you for the ops we had. Mike, there can be only 2

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Lewis
1995 - Tim Miller

William P. Harris

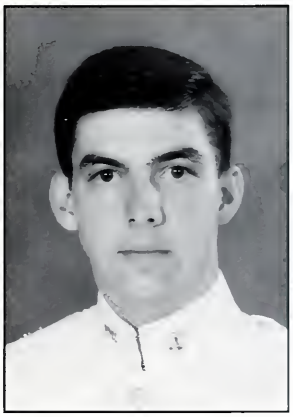
Special Student/Electrical Engineering

Weasel

Avondale Estates, Georgia

Rat Training 1; IEEE 1; Private 1; Sergeant 2; Corporal 3; Rat 4





Looking back at my cadetship, I must first of all thank God for carrying me through the tough times and getting me through this place. Also, I couldn't have made it this far without the support and encouragement of my parents. Thanks mom and dad, I love you! I have to say thanks to Mike for all of the guidance and help that he gave me during my rat year. I will say that it has been an experience. One that I'm glad I had the opportunity to go through, but wouldn't go through again for anything! I have learned a lot and am proud to have been a part of the VMI tradition.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Banigan
1995 - Christian Velasco

Michael B. Haverty

Army/Civil Engineering

Libby

Suffolk, Virginia

Prog. Music Club 3(VP),2(Pres); ASCE 3,2,1; Summer School 3,2; English Society 4; CPL 3; SGT 2; PVT 1; Daydream Scene 2





I feel as though I'm preparing to leave the "I" soon, but I realize I will be back on the roller coaster for a ninth semester. Thanks to my six string and little rhythm, I've made it so far.

There is so much to be said about "life" at VMI. The ratline was bearable thanks to Kim. It is amazing what a letter every day can do. Travis, Ron, and Otis: third class year could never have been topped. The late nights out proved that the system could be beat. To the guys in 101: I will never forget the laughs while living with you guys. Trent, Adam, and Travis: living with you guys has made first class year laid back as hell. Tricia, thanks for helping me get my priorities straight again.

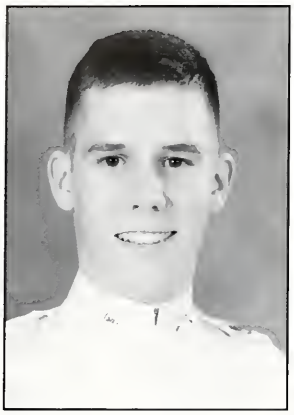
I especially want to thank Mom, Dad, and God for the freedom, determination, support and love. I will never understand how you guys did it.

I'm sure that one day I will adopt the love for this place that every alumnus does, but for now I agree with the Replacements - "Anywhere is Better Than Here."

Dykes: 1989 - Sean "Red" Cantrell
1995 - Taylor Siegel

Neil Leo Hennigan

Army/Economics/Business



Festus, Chet

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club; SGT 2; Captain 1; Steeplechaser; Morning Rack Permit 3,2,1; VPO 91; Ho Jo's Slip Kid Police Run 90; JMU Drunk Tank; App'l Climb 91.

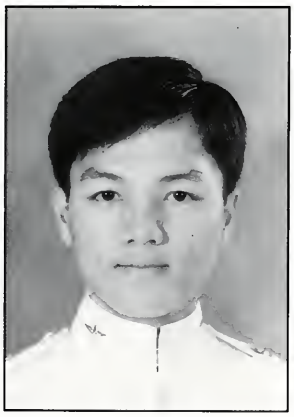


Mark, thanks for showing me the way, wouldn't have done it without you. You helped more ways than you know. You've seen me at my worst and at my best. You're a great friend, model and most of all BROTHER.90!90!90! Gary, when I wasn't jailed we had a blast! USMA and VMI didn't really keep us apart, we made it dude, lets go party! I leaned on you the most Gar, never let me down, THANKS! Baab and Mike, thanks for taking this skinny guy in, take haydown thru for being the best roommates yunz! Track Team: SEEEE YAAA! Bob Burger: PSU? where the hell was I? Take care you helmet let 'em ride the shocker! Most importantly I want to thank a man who I hope to become someday. Dad your wisdom, generosity and guidance has been the reason we got through it. VMI brought us together. Thanks for it all! And Mom your unconditional love and support was the core of it all from the day I left, to right now and forever....I LOVE YOU!! GOD Thank you for everything you gave me, amen. Now what is this real world everyone talks about?

Dykes: 1989 - Dan Mcgrew
1995 - M. Wysong, & D. Lucente

Tsai-Tzu Ho

Air Force/Computer Science



Ho Cakes

Taipei Taiwan R.O.C.,

Private 4,3,2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society 2,1; Cadet Assistant 1;

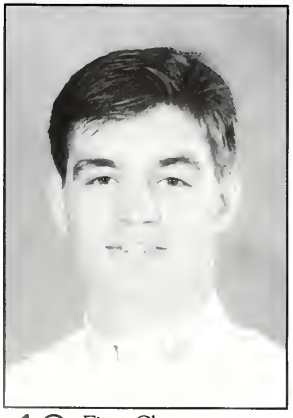


When I was a rat, I would always complain about how the time passed too slowly. I never thought about that I would become a first classman. I remember my dyke told me that "You will be in my position soon." However, I did not believe what he said then. Now, I just realize that the time goes by fast.
There are many people who I am grateful toward, especially Mr. and Mrs. Lee. They are the parents of my rat roommate, Gray Lee. They treated me as part of their family and this warmed my heart. I do not know how I could ever pay them back, but I will cherish their friendship, and will remember them forever.
As I looked back these four years in the U.S.A., I learned a lot and saw a lot. I hope that I will have a chance to come back and visit here. I also appreciate what VMI gave me, especially in academics. I wish after I graduate, I will make VMI proud of me.

Dykes: 1989 - Jiun-Khan Lu
1995 - Patrick P. Bolton

Miles Taylor Holt III

Special Student/Electrical Engineering



Miles, Miles T.

Chester, Virginia

Wrestling 3, Marathon 2, Rugby 2; Circle K 3,2 Conduct Pro. 3, Class Historian 3,2,1



Well, where should I start? I have so many people to thank. Roomies, I know I'm not the easiest person to live with, so thanks for putting up with me. To "the corner" and honorary members, thanks for all the good times. To my E.E. study partners, thanks for the diploma. Thanks Doc and Unk for getting me through the rat line. Tim you were a great dyke, thanks for showing me the ropes, I couldn't have done it without you. "Shoestring" keep it up your going to do well here. Chad, only one more year, good luck.
The biggest thanks, without a doubt, goes to my family. I can't tell you how lucky I am to have you, I love y'all more than you'll ever know. Well, it's almost over, I hope I'll be glad later. VMI has definitely changed me, I don't know if it's for the better, but I'm definitely different. If nothing else it's given me a lot of memories and a lot of friends that can't be beat. Later.

Dykes: 1989 - Tim Finkler
1995 - Rick Franco

Richard L. Horn

Navy/Mechanical Engineering

Rich

Oakwood, Virginia

H Co. Commander 1; Master Sgt. 2; Cpl 3; Deans List 4,3,2; Ac Stars 3; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Club 192 1; In the Hole 3,2,1





I have learned alot at VMI and accomlished what I set out to do, grow up. Mom and Dad, I could have never made it without you. Mom thanks for always being there for me, and listening to me complain. Dad, if I could be anyone I would be you. I love you both, and you too Adam. Chris and Scott, I couldn't be closer to anyone else. Chris, I am keeping the grudge list. Goodluck roommates. Guys in the Hole, good luck we'll all need it. Rats, keep plugging along. It will all be over some day. H Co. you're the best. Barney, do your best and things will always turn out ok. Rene, I love you and I always will. You always know what to do to brighten my day. BRs see you at the reunions.

Dykes: 1989 - Gary Vaughn
1995 - Joe Daniels (Barney)

John Colby Howard

Navy/Mechanical Engineering

Ghost, Coolman

Norton, Virginia

Glee Club 4,3; Rifle Team 4,3,2(Captain), 1(Captain); Climbing Club 3(Founder),2 (President); Elevator tamer 3,2,1; Cave capers 1; Private 4,3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; Monogram Club 2,1; Dungeon Dweller





The night before matriculation my father and I sat on the Moody Hall balcony and drank beer. He said to me "You know this is not going to be easy" and the kid he was talking to just didn't know what to expect. I was always told if you want something you have to go for it, but rat year seemed more like survival. I don't think I have learned more about life anywhere than I have at the "I." Mainly that all those things my father had been telling me over the years were true, including the night in Moody. But I would never quit and now I feel like my life is really going somewhere. This wouldn't be however, if it were not for my family and a very special girl. To Rebecca and Caroline, thanks for the support and always being there when I didn't want to tell Mom. To Mother and Dad, when hopes, dreams and grades fell you were always there to keep me going, thank you. And to Adrienne, the one person who was able to make VMI bearable and those everyday problems go away, thank you and all my love for the future. Also thanks to Erik, Tom, Zack, Doug, Chris and Tony. And now just like my Dad did forty one years ago, I can say to VMI, "I'm outta here".

Dykes: 1989 - Chris Ogden
1995 - Mike Plati

Richard Howe

Air Force/Electrical Engineering

Gordie, Billy, The Club

Ellicott City, Maryland

EE wanna be 4,3,2,1; Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers; Dean's List (for a little while anyway) 4,3; Barracks Cable Co.(I'll never get caught)1; Wrestling 4,3; Rugby 1.





Well it's finally about over. I thought I'd never make it through this place being on Conduct Pro so long. Even Weird couldn't kick me out. Hey Byron, try to have some fun next year, those labs weren't the same without you. Taylor, Byron, Chad, Shannon, those were some great times in NEB, the ones I remember anyway, that room will never be the same. You know what really sucks, all the stupid things I did, I never made it to my goal, the No. 1 club. I'm sure I can still manage to get one. All you guys down in the Dungeon and Slow Talk, when you think of me just think big, maybe "Club" comes to mind. Hey Ron, maybe D & A comes to mind for you. We all had some great times in 107 with Kevin, still a lot more to come in the Cinema and Draft house. Everyone gave me a lot of hell, but this place was at least bearable with Crittle, you all know she's great. I sit here with my 2.0 midterm and wonder if I really care at this point. At least I know I'm having fun, I guess. Mom, thank you for putting up with me and supporting me, I love you. Hey Gallagher, strain; you too Pat and Charles. Maybe I'll make some money now.

Dykes: 1989 - "Meathead" Downs, Pat Peschka
1995 - 1989-Dan McClintock,
1995-S.G.

Matthew D. Humphrey

Navy/Economics & Business



Hump, Stork, Scrawny

Henry, Illinois

Boxing 4,3; Rugby 2,1; O.G.A. Vice President 1; Dean's List 4,3,2; Academic stars 2; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2



It's finally over! As much as I have whined and moaned over the past four years I am honestly glad that I came to this prison they call V.M.I. All the experience I've gained and changes I've undergone could only have taken place here - I hate to say it but it really was worth it!
Mom and Dad - I guess I actually grew up during these past four years because I finally realize how important you are to me! Thank you so much for being there for me through all the rough times (and there were too many of those). My love for you has never been stronger!
Jay, Dan, and Tony - you guys are why I chose a school like V.M.I. I was looking for friends that I could turn to no matter how bad things looked. I couldn't have asked for better roommates! Good luck and God bless!
Jay - you should have switched over to Navy, stupid!!!
Tony - Are we invited to the wedding ???
Dan, don't forget, there's always the Peace Corps!!!
LET THE FUN BEGIN !!!!

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Mezzacca
Jon Gheen
1995 - Rick Blaylock

Robert Russell Hurd

Army/History



Hurdbird, Hurdbody, Landshark

Raleigh, North Carolina

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; RDC 4; Conduct Pro 4; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Landsharking 2,1; TDS 2,1; Cadet Staff 1; #1 3; Timmons Society 3,2,1; Summer Study Abroad 3.5



It seems like it was just yesterday that I was rolling up my dyke's hay. Now, all I can think of is something that used to always seem an eternity away. After my Rat year, I had high hopes for my life as an upperclassman. They were quickly crushed my Third Class year, as I came closer to leaving than I ever did as a Rat. My Second Class year was better, with getting my ring with my BR's as a highlight. As a First Classman, I now find myself wanting to leave this place more than ever.
My experience here at VMI has not been all that bad however. The only reason that I ever continued to come back was because of all the friends that I have made. Without the support of my BR's I would have never made it through Ratline, let alone graduation. This place was never what I expected it to be, and I certainly never expected to befriend so many wild and crazy men. Waehler and Monkey, I can't believe that all three of us made it. Mom, Dad, and Cheryl, thanks for putting up with me and VMI for three years. To my BR's, I couldn't have made it without you.
"Hurd is the word, sir" - Hurd 1988

Dykes: 1989 - '88 Doug Wishart
1995 - J. Carlson, K."Haydown" Haydon

Ronald E. Huzzard

Air Force/Electrical Engineering



Huzz, Huzz-Man

Spring City, Pennsylvania

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Master Sgt. 2; A Co. XO 1; Rat Training 4,3,2,1; IEEE 3,2,1; Cadre 2,1; AAS 3,2,1; BOHICA 4,3,2,1; S.L.E.E. 4,3,2,1; 721 NEB Study Boys 3,2; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Charter Member Barracks Cable Company 1.



Well it's another late, late, night at the "I," but instead of poring over some unsolveable E.E. problem I'm tyring to write this first class history. I spent several fruitless hours trying to find some quotation that might sum up my experiences here, before I remembered that the Institute cannot be described in printable words.
The list of those I must thank is long so I had better start now. First, to Rich (The Natural One) my roommate of 4 years. Who would have thought that two people with so little in common could have made it to where we are now. We certainly went through this place the hard way, and now your the closest thing to a brother that I've ever had. To Rich H. and Weedon, thanks for putting up with me, at least you guys lasted a year in our room. Thanks to the boys of S.L.E.E., for the stretcher ride to my diploma, I owe you a big one. To my dykes, past and present, (you too Meat and Pat) thanks for the help. If I forgot anyone, you know who you are, remember the good times. Lastly, I must thank my family for their never ending support. Without you these last four years would have been impossible.

Dykes: 1989 - George Noewatne
1995 - Jeremy Shoop

Alexander Scott Jackson

Special Student/Electrical Engineering

Action Jackson

Chester, Virginia

VMI Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; VMI Brass Ensemble 4,3,2,1(Cdt Director); Tuba Section Cdr 2,1; Class of '92 BQ 4,3,2,1; VMI Theatre 3,2,1;IEEE 2,1; VMI Firefighters 1; OGA 1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; President of BS Club 2,1





The best of times and the worst of times. That seems to be the best way to sum up the VMI experience with a nice cliche. It's been really hard and a colossal pain in the a@$, but there have been some enjoyable times I wouldn't trade for anything. I've made a lot of friends both here and away because of the "I" and for that I'm glad. I want to thank my family for all the support they have shown me these past four years, and my roommates for putting up with me, and for MAJ Brodie for listening to all my complaints and helping me to keep enjoying making music, and a few special friends who should know who they are. To Dom, my rat, I wish you all the luck in the world; you're going to need it in this place. If you just put your mind to it you'll do fine. It will pay off in the long run (at least that's what I hear). Time will tell on that one. There were some tough times when I wanted to throw in the towel, but looking back on it I'm glad I stuck it out. I want to wish all my BR's luck in their future lives and to thank them for going through it all with me. It was real, it was fun, but it wasn't real fun.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Sullivan
1995 - Dominick Esposito

David Michael Jahnke

Navy/History

Jank, Jahnke the Yankee

Crofton, Maryland

Private 4,3,2,1; Canterbury Club 4,3,2,1; Civil War Rountable 4,3(Treasurer), 2(Vice-President), 1(President); Cadet Staff Writer 2,1;Big Brothers 1; Special Student 4,3,2,1;





As I sit here writing my First Class History, it is hard to believe the end of our cadetships is upon us. In some ways, it feels like we lined up outside Cameron Hall yesterday, and in other ways it feels like a lifetime. Looking back over the years, I remember good times and few bad ones. And, with those times in mind, it is hard for me to believe I'm saying this, but, it was worth it.
Mom, how can I thank you? Thank you too Dad. The rest of my family, thank you all. Dave and John, will we ever forget those times "up-town?" Do we remember them? To all my Brother Rats, too numerous to name here, thank you for the past four years.
Stacy, a mere thank you cannot suffice. You have been there for me these past three years more than you will ever know.

Dykes: 1989 - Buddy Schmeling
1995 - Ryan Feeney

Jon M. Jeffreys

Navy Special Student/History/minor English

Steakfries, Hodge-Podge, Fritos

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Rugby 4,3,2,1; OGA 1; S-5 Counselor 1; Trident Society 3,2; Timmins Society 1; Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1,4; IHTFP 4,3,2,1



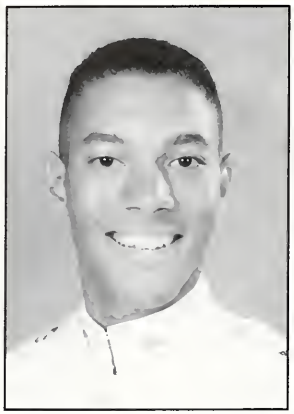


When I first saw the Insititute I wondered why there were bars on the windows. I was led to believe that they were for our safety, but I soon learned that they were there to keep us from escaping. What I had discovered was that this was not a school, but an asylum. I figured it had to be because one had to be insane to go here, either that or stupid. I think I was a combination of both. It hasn't been all that bad because I have learned how to clean a rifle and run from a guy who shakes some keys. Who said VMI doesn't prepare you for the outside world. Seriously, I want to thank my roommates, Chien-Feng and Doug. You guys are great and I'm going to really miss you. Dan and Ed, you two are some of the best friends a guy could have-lets tap the keg and start doing some serious consumption. Geoff, good luck - you've got 3 more years-it won't be all bad. Lastly, I want to thank my family. Without your support and encouragement I wouldn't have made it through here - I love you.

Dykes: 1989 - '88 Drew Barends
1995 - Geoff Blum

Derrick W. Johnson

Air Force/History



DJ

Richmond, Virginia

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; OCF 4,3,2,1; Arnold Air Society 4,3,2; Cadre 3(Cpl), 2(Plt Sgt); Regt S-2 Cpt; Honor Court 2,1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Phi Alpha Theta 2,1; Sounding Brass 1



May all who choose to read this passage be blessed and inspired by its words. For how can I explain how much the love that my family and friends have given me through the years has touched my heart. If any mother on the face of this earth should be honored it is mine. Mom, do not think that all the sacrifices and tears you have shed for your son have been in vain! You have given me all that a son could desire and then you gave even more. I thank you from my heart and love you as a proud son.

Percy, K.C., and Sam, you three were more than my roommates. You all were my brothers as well as friends. Only we know what obstacles we faced together at VMI. We all had our trials and tribulations. Nevertheless, like brothers, we pulled each other over the mountains. We share a brotherhood others can not imagine to achieve. The "Untouchables," always.

To Todd, Erik, and the other dykes. Let no man stand in the way of your goals! Take hold of your dreams and never be discouraged.

God bless all those who helped me that are not mentioned. You are not forgotten!!

Dykes: 1989 - Stephen Rankine
1995 - Todd Cook, Erik Reynolds

Robert Blake Johnson

Army/History



Rob, Bubba, Rob-God

Ferrum, Virginia

Honor Court 2,1; President 1; 3rd Bn. CO; 1st Sgt.; 1st Cpl.; Glee Club 4,3; Sentinels 3; Ranger Challenge 3; All-Around Mr. Nice Guy 4,3,2,1; C.A.C.K. 4,3,2,1



Everything has happened so quickly I cannot believe it is over already. There is so much to say and only 21 lines to say it in. VMI has been the cause of so much frustration and yet I leave here with so many fond memories. Bill, James, and John it all started with you and the pact we made with each other that lonely night during cadre...well we made it! Devon I owe you a lot! You have taught me more about myself than you will ever know, thank you. Scott, Carl, and Chris what can I say? You made me what I am today (Oh Brother!), here's to all the long sleepless nights. To all the C.A.C.K.S. I want you guys to know I love you more than life itself and no span of time or distance will ever change that. To the most important ones of all, my family, words cannot express the love and appreciation I feel for you. Mom and Dad I can never repay you for the sacrifices you have made. Todd hang in there and keep those grades up. Believe me, it will pay off. To the Court, always remember the purpose for which you have been called. To my friends in the ML department, Muchas Gracias! Finally I want to thank the Lord for his love and the way he has blessed my life here at VMI.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Harding
1995 - Todd Chambers

Kenneth Johson

Air Force/Economics/Business



"Chilli Dog", Kenny

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Basketball 4,3,2,1: Promaji Club 4,3,2,1: Academic Coordinater 1: Pre-Law Society 2,1: TEBA 2,1: Dean's List 4,3



I came to VMI as a mere caterpillar. I was made of pure raw talent. I lacked self-control, positive goals and had no sense of direction. VMI served as a metamorphasis. Due to hard work, many prayers and emotional support from family and friends, I will transform into a Butterfly this May. Consequently, I shall fly away from VMI to discover what other obstacles my life entails. Peace to my room-mates, dykes, and the real brothers. I'll get up.

Dykes: 1989 - 1988 Steve Dorsey
1995 - 1995 Louis A., Bobby J., Tim W

Christopher R. Jones

Army/Civil Engineering

Scrappy, Jonesy, Questionman

Unionville, Pennsylvania

Rodent 4; Deflowered Private 3,2,1; Jammer's Project 3,2,1; ASCE 3,2,1; All-Pro 3,2; Summer Scholar 3,2; Illegal Car Club 3,2; Club 192; Burgess/Jones Sheep Transpo. 2; Kristin 3,2,1





Four years ago I entered "The Machine" in search of knowledge. I found that my labor gave birth to more questions than answers. I have learned, but my education is not complete. I now see that the remainder of my questions will be answered in the ultimate classroom of life itself. In my cadetship I have come across two types of VMI men: Those who are forever loyal and those who sit back, clutching their beer, and laughing at the Institute. Which will I become? Well, that's just another question. Clearly, I would not have made it this far without the love and support of my family. I owe you everything. Colonel Jamison: Thank You. Brother Rats our lives will take different courses, but our roots will remain the same. I will not forget you. Scott and Rich, you are my brothers. Kristin, you have given me hope, courage, and strength. I will love you forever. Soon our time together will not be governed by shaking keys, coathangers, and confinement.
In closing.....Good-Bye VMI....I will persist.

Dykes: 1989 - Tom "Simple Sid" Sheldon
1995 - Todd "Flash" Glasser

Timothy Hooker Arthur Jordan

Special Student/History

Cmdr., Squat Co., TJ, Pooter

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Cmdr. 4,2,1; Trainer 4,2,1; SMA 2,1; Late Night Stalker 4,2,1; Death Valley 2,1; Ac Pro 4; MOR wanta be 4,2,1; Sleuth 4,2,1





I would like to thank my family for everything they have done and put up with for all of my years at this hell hole. To my brother's, thanks for not getting too upset when Pop treated me like "the kid". To all my friends I leave you nothing because I can't tell you anything substantial that I could leave. To the rest of the corps, I leave you in the wake of my uncanny ability to "worm" out of every military function. Head, Bird, DoDo, I love you guys and hope and pray we can stay together forever because somebody is going to have to look out for the "Sha Pa"! To the men of 116-102, when the times were at their toughest we were there for each other and always knew how to make the day brighter. This is not my last farewell, but is my last appearance as the almighty commander. "When I leave I don't know what I am hoping to find...when I leave I don't know what I am leaving behind."-The Doctor "Suspicion yourself, suspicion yourself... Don't get caught"-Mike

Dykes: 1989 - Tom McKee
1995 - Jack Bambler Ambler

M. C. Kamin

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Christopher Scott Keever

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Keev, Pigpen

Richmond, Virginia

Football 4,3,2,1 (CIC); Monogram Club 3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Canterbury Club 4,3,2; WHOA 4; E.C. Club 4

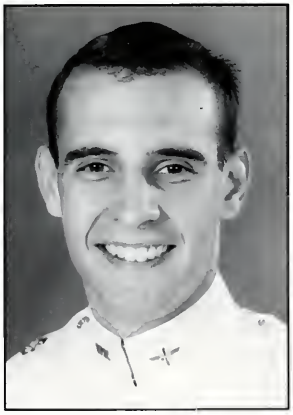


What a wonderful feeling. Finally the struggle has come to an end. People always say "VMI is a terrible place to be at but a great place to be from." I hope that holds true. For so many years people, especially my family, have given me so much and now it's time to give back. As for you MOM, VMI has given me a lot but nothing compared to what you have given me. Without a doubt, if I could be like anyone, I would be you. The greatest thing about VMI is the wonderful people and friends you make. A.J. - you have been a great brother for four years. I hope we continue to be bro's in the future. Swani - thank you for being such a great friend especially when I needed one! As for you Mason, I look forward to the day when a man will be called a man and not a man with a colored prefix added on to it. I challenge you dykes, Chad and Jerzy, not to just get by, but take this place for everything it has. VMI football will forever be engrained into my life. For all you guys wondering if my knee still hurts (OH MY KNEE), it does! I have learned that winning is all in the mind and VMI is realizing this. Go Keydets!!!!!

Dykes: 1989 - John J. Adametz
1995 - Chad Bourne
Jerzy Mikulski

Brian William Kelly

Air Force/Mechanical Engineer



BK, Beak, Burger King

Clifton Forge, Virginia

Corporal; Color Sergeant; Rat Training 3; Wrestling 4; Dean's List 3; S-5 Tour Guide 2; AAS 4,3,2,1; Comptroller 3; Deputy Commander; Head Cadet Asst. 2,1; VMI Roadrunners 2,1; USMC Marathon 2,1.



It was August 16, 1988, I arrived at VMI with a good understanding of what I was about to get myself into. It wasn't long before I discovered I didn't know the half of it. When I look back now, I'm glad I made the choice I did because I truly believe I've received an unique education at VMI.

Dave & Neal it's worked out great. For a couple of roommates I was never supposed to have, I think we've done an exceptional job.

They say that Shakespeare's play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" embodies your second class year. I believe I've been living that dream ever since I asked my Ring Figure Date.

Laura, you've made my last two years more wonderful than I ever expected It's interesting to experience how one person can change your whole outlook on life. I will love you always.

Thanks Mom, Dad and the rest of my family for sticking with me these four years.

Dykes:

Garland Daniel McCarthy Kelly

Army Reserve-Armor/Civil Engineering



Three beer, 3bravo Kilo, Cow

Pulaski, Virginia

2nd Cpl G,3; First Sgt G,2; 2nd Bat S-3,1; ASCE Officer 1; Ranger Challenge 2; Tanker Plt Ldr 1; E.C. Debt Officer 2; MNMB D Co. Cmdr 1; Roadrunners 3; Ranger Plt 2; Member of the Three Beer Club



Well, it is about time to end my Cadetship. Just think, about four years ago, I entered this place called VMI. I really didn't know what to expect or what to do. But, finally I have accomplished those tasks thrown out by the system. I have so many people to thank for being for the good times and bad times at VMI. For the most part I want to thank my dad and family members for guiding me in the right direction when I got side tracked. Dad, I know you went through hell with my tour. For my roommates Andy, Mark, and John probably some of the best roommates a guy could have. I will miss the shit I got from you guys. Andy, when we leave you can't take the gameboy, and Mark, I know one day you will find the right woman on day. I leave the good years that I had at VMI to my brother for the years he has left. H, make your last years good ones. Well farewell, and UHHHHHHHHHH

Dykes: 1989 - Bill Cairo
1995 - Tommy Jobst
Kris Nowlan

Jason Kight

Army/Economics & Business

Jake, Arab, Little Budda

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sabbatical 2; Pvt 1; Honor Guard 3; Conduct Pro 2,1; Wrestling 4; #1 Club 1;Rugby 1; RDC 2; Stoop Wimbledon 3





Where to start? I have to say that unfortunately, I'm not graduating this year, but I want to say goodbye to all my BR's. As a rat, F-Troop was the best company on the hill, and the best bunch of guys to go thru hell with. To my friends, I have parting words of rememberance and congratulations. Trent, your a great friend and I'll miss you around here. I hope the Bassett Hound becomes the next Perry Mason. Adam, to my cadre hellion counterpart, It has been great knowing you and your a terrific friend. It would take forever to tell all that we've been through (Fall from Grace), but the late night we stayed up wasted watching FMJ, I will never forget. Head, keep up on Crabs, Swimmers, and the Cheasepeake Bay, and good luck in Med School. Matt, the West Virginian Marine Corp stud, I LUV YOU ! I know you will be married first. Wil, you are and will be my best friend forever, we've had many great times, and many more to follow. Mars, keep stretching those arms. Jon, Eric, and John, congrats. Finally, I would like to thank my parents for the love and support they have given me, I love you. P.S. Ed & Diane thanks a lot.

Dykes: 1989 - Tom Jernigan
1995 - Dave Fall
Marcus Latimer

James Alexander King

Air Force/Economics/Business

Jaybird It's King!

Midlothian, Virginia

Battalion S-2; Cross-Country 4,3,2,1; Indoor Track 4,3,2,1; Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 3 (V-President 2 & Chairman 1); Monogram Club 4,3,2,1.





First of all I would like to thank my mom, dad, and sister for all the time and support you put into keeping my food box full and my spirits high. I couldn't have done it without you! I hope I will always make you "so proud of me." Also, to Donna who has stuck it out with me from beginning to end, thank you for all your love, strength, and patience. To the cross-country and track team, remember coaches' toll free number 1-800-EARL. Best of Luck to the Cadet Investment Group, what I experienced and learned in the group will carry me a long way. Also, remember the golden rule always "Buy low and Sell high." Rich and Paul, you all have been the best roomies. Thanks for putting up with me, as well as, all those late nights of studying. To my dyke, Brad, hang in there, this place isn't as hard as it is to get me out of the bed! To my BRs, Congrats! We made it through! I'll see you all at the top!

Dykes: 1989 - Bubba Childress
1995 - Brad Moses

Michael Mileod Kirkmire

Navy(Special Forces)/Mechanical Engineering

Kirk, Mire, K-man, Kirk Body

Portland, Oregon

Rat;Cpl;Sgt;Private(Thank God);Rugby 3,2,1;Boyz in the Hole 2,1; General Badgett's S--t List 2,1; Summer Scholar 2;Cadet Waiters 3,2,1;VMI Cadet 3,2,1; Thermo Fan Club; WHOA 4,3,2,1; Barracks Drinking Club 4,3,2,1





I would like to thank my parents and family for putting up with all of the problems I've caused. Without your constant support, I would not have survived. I love you all. Tim, Bucky, and Wally: Thanks for showing me a good time at OSU. Sorry I puked on Bergeman's blanket. To all the ruggers, past and present; God bless you all, maybe we will all strap on our boots and play again. Star, I hope you get into the Marines; you'd make a fine officer. Besides, the Corps needs more ruggers. To everybody in the hole; The nights were long and hard, but we got the damn job done! To Rob, Gary, and Tom: Thanks for everything, you did a great job. Al, keep your nose to the grindstone and you'll survive. To Ryan Croley, save me a space for next year. Scott, we've survived this place together, thank you. Next year won't be too bad (Bullsh*t!). Anne, I have appreciated all that you have done for me so far. You have made these last few months in hell bearable. Dreams do come true. You are in many of mine. I love you!
Finally, to all of my Brother Rats. I wasn't close to all of you, but I will miss all of you just the same. Take care and may God be with you all. Pals

Dykes: 1989 - Gary Nowlan
Rob Gates
1995 - Alan J. Stankovich

Byron P. Kloeppel Jr.

Air Force/Economics/Business



Pete

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rat 4; Private 4,3,2,1; Sgt 2; Illegal Car Club 4,2; Boxing Team 3,2,1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; GOWBC 2,1; Academically extinguished 4,3,2,1; Summer School 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1



Everyone else is going to write how much they hate this place, so I'm not going to waste my time saying it again. I'll give this place this: I've changed a lot over the past four years, whether or not for the better we shall soon see. I want to thank George and Rich for helping me through Rat year, I hope you're going well. Garry, Mike, Rick, and Bull - you're great!!! If not for you all I probably wouldn't have made it through this place. I don't know whether to thank you or to kill you. Bass, Little G, and Zak, the drunkfests were great, those I'll never forget. Wyatt, good luck to you in your three (hopefully) years to come. I also want to thank all of my BR's for making this place a little better. Good luck to all of you. To VMI: thanks for all of the heartache, goodbye, and good riddance.

Dykes: 1989 - George Bowles

Laird Justin Knights

Mechanical Engineer



K-r-g-its

PVT 4,3,2,1; Arnold Air Society 1; Glee Club 4,3; Karate Club 3; Boxing Club 2,1; Asme 1; International Club 2,1; Virgin PVT 4,3,2,1



I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me get to this final conclusion of my cadetship, particularly my family. Mom and Dad thank you for supporting me through this. Thanks for being there for those occasional phone calls back home, for listening, for the care packages, and for those interesting talks going to and from O'Hare Airport. I thank my sisters for setting me up with their friends and for being there to talk to once in a while. Thanks!

To my roommates, Jim and C.C. good luck with the infantry and don't step on any land mines. Jim good luck in grad school, have fun with the chemistry set, and beware of wide-hipped Aggies in droopy pants.

To my dyke Jing-Long, you've been a great dyke. Good luck in your studies and look out for strange Koreans bearing Mama Sans.

To Mike Arness: Take it easy and don't drive cheap foreign cars with bad transmissions. Take care my friends may the road rise to meet you and God bless.

Dykes: 1989 - Matt Sossi
1992 - Jing-Long Lu

Andrew J. Krug

Army/MS Non-Select/Civil Engineering



Kruggie, Krugger, Ange, Ando

Loretto, Pennsylvania

Honor Court 2,1; Prosecutor 1; ASCE President 1; Tau Beta Pi 1; 1st BN CO 1; BN SGM 2; G Co. 1st cpl 3; Rugby 4; Dean's List 4,3,2,1?; Mentor for all 4,3,2,1.



I can't believe this time has finally come. I am forever grateful for what VMI has taught me, and I'm glad this learning process is over! MOM and DAD, thanks for giving until you had nothing more to give. I hope to return the favors someday. I hope I have made you as proud as you have made me. MICK and TIM, Is that stuff true on the calendar?? Thanks for putting up with the phone bills. PAT, Thanks for the help and support at VMI. Also, thanks for introducing me to the person I'll spend my life with. HODGE CLAN, Thanks for the 2nd home. I couldn't have asked for better "in-laws."

MAC, MARK, and JOHN - I couldn't have picked better roommates, thanks for all of the good times. Put on some weight. Little T. Hey Smac, uh...well uh...huh?? The Johnster, keep on the books, only one more year.

KEVIN and QUINCY, Study hard! It will pay off. Good Luck, I know you'll both do fine.

Finally, SHER, the countdown has ended! Your love has moved me to do my best. You were always there when I needed you, now I'll always be there for you! Thanks family and friends.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Doucette
1995 - Quincy Meade
Kevin Price

Richard Michael Kurtz, Jr.

Navy/Computer Science

Colonel, Eichmann

Springfield, Virginia

Virgin Private 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3; Boxing 1,2; Cadet Battery 1; VMI Civil War Round Table 1,2,3; HMWHC 4,3; GOWBC 2; Mad Bomber's Apprentice 2; Mad Bomber 1





Where to start is always a good question, and at this time I don't have a problem. I would like to thank all of my family first: mom, dad, Pam, and Brian. Thanks for your support during these trying four years. It would have been hard without you. Thanks for all the dough, cookies, football game visits, and phone calls. It really helped out a lot. Thanks also go out to all my brother rats and to the good friends I've picked up along the way, each one of you are very special to me. It's hard to believe that four short years ago I didn't know what I was going to do, or go to College. A big thank you now goes out to the mother "I" from this Cadet. Without her, who could have possibly shown me the way ahead. See ya...I'm outta here! I love you!

Dykes: 1989 - Todd Tilley
1995 - Wyatt Earp

Courtney C. Lambert

Army/Economics & Business

"CC"

Arlington, Texas

Private 4,3,2,1; Soccer 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Summer School Club 4,3,2,1





Mom and Dad you paid four years out-of-state tuition just to get me out of the house?! Don't worry my roommates sympathize. You have been there for me all my life and I just want you to know I LOVE YOU! Uncle Henry & Aunt Sylvia - I can't even begin to mention how much you have done for me. I don't think I could have done it without you to turn to. THANK YOU. Pete - How you could stand my constant pestering for 4 years I'll never know. Thank you for never letting me down when I needed you. Jim - Girls! Girls! Girls! ... wait a second, where are the Girls! I learned so much from you. I couldn't have had two better roommates. Geoff, Carney & Bill - I have this feeling that wherever you may go in life there will be someone next door named Courtney whose job it is to continually harass you 24 hours a day. Fast Eddie, Brother Al, and Matt - the 4 seasons I spent with you I wouldn't trade for the world. Through ups and downs the 4 of us stuck with it. I will never forget! You guys mean alot to me. Redneck-The world is larger than Country music, Jack Daniels, and a Field and Stream magazine, so take your Dyke's advice and "Stay off confinement!"

Dykes: 1989 - John Gates
1995 - Jason "Redneck" Painter

Derrick E. Lapp

Army/History

Dead-Last, Dee, DEL, Dork

Ballston Spa, New York

Swim Team 1,2,3,4(capt.); Cant Club 1,2,3(v.p.)4; HMWHC 2,3,fallen 4; in bed by Taps 2,3,4; annoying 1,2,3,4





Here where the rational and the ridiculous collide, within this microcosmic sphere called VMI, the great mysteries of the Absurd have been revealed to me. How the wisdoms of this alternate universe will help me in that cold, hard world of reality, I cannot say. No matter, come Spring our Mother "I" will give birth to some of the most warped yet most honorable of men. 92, 92, God bless us 92! The sanity may be questioned, but the integrity never. Remember always...less is less, more is more, more is better, unless less is what you want, but in the end it all works out for the best, more or less. Mark and Franny, you've been like brothers, more or less, by the way Scott, your 60 days are up. Jon, we beat K.D. we ought to be cantonized for it, to hell with that stupid Rabbit anyways! Hector, Spike, Mason, hang in there, you'll eventually catch a clue. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Chris Elliot, Dr. Lecter, thank you for providing guidance, I am not an evil moron! Most importantly, thanks to the Big Guy, we've had many a heart to heart these past 4 years, amen.

Dead-Last has spoken.

Dykes: 1989 - Tony Davila
1995 - Hector Migliacci

Eric Joseph Larsen

Army/History



Eddie Van Larsen

Glendale Hts., Illinois

Cadre 3,2,1; Deans List 3,2,1; Reg. Honor Guard 2; VP Spanish Honor Society 2,1; Tres. History Honor Society 2,1; Robles' roommate 3,2,1 (combat vet); Don P D.'s No. 1 Hit Man Secret Society 3,2,1



Its three in the morning and I am typing this damned history for the second time since I erased the first one. I guess the most logical place to start is to thank all the people who made this possible. Without you I would have never won this Oscar (ooops..) I mean graduate. Mom, Dad, Jeff your all the best (slightly deranged, but lovable) and I do love you all. Without you I would have...had to pay the tuition myself. Grandma and Grandpa you had to put up with me for so many years I think you deserve combat pay. To other Gram, I hope I inherited your energy and spirit. Uncle John, I hope I can be as good a soldier as you, I can think of no better role model. To Jean my second mom, I got lucky because I got the two best moms in the business. Now to my roommates: Lex your chemically imbalance but I wouldn't have it any other way Pud, what can I say, words cannot describe the respect and deep friendship I have for you. Marc, Your a slug, get out of bed. Izzy, stop toolin for anus. To the Robles' the Diehl's and the Barnes' thank you for adopting me as your son even though you couldn't use me as a tax deduction. I'm out o room bye. ISLUN

Dykes: 1989 - Neal McSweeney
1995 - Jay Diehl

Gregory Alan Lee

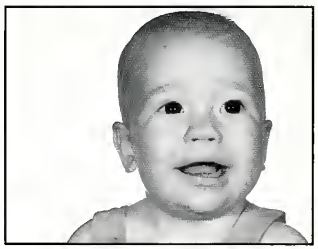
Air Force/Economics & Business



Greg

Roanoake, Virginia

Big Brother; Little Brother 2,1; Wrestling 4; Private



Well, Mom and Dad it's finally over! There are no words to express my gratitude for your support. I would like to say a humble "THANK YOU." Dawn, I know VMI has been hard on us, but I hope it gives us as much as you've given me. And, that's a lot!! I LOVE YOU. BR's we're out of here and you guys are the only reason I'm sane. If I take nothing from this Institution except my life long friends, I'll be happy. Scott, you were right-some pigs are more equal than others. Matt Dalton, you showed me how to have fun at this place. Party on dude! Rob, relax and get out of Jersey, it's killing you. Pretty Boy Howard, when I'm old and grey mine will still work. Dan, I don't know what to say to you, except you're the best person that I have ever known, "I love you man." BR's we're all lost souls swimming in a fish bowl year after year....How I wish you were here.

Dykes:

Richard E. Lee

Air Force/Mechanical Engineer



NATURE BOY, SLOW TALK

Burke, Virginia

I Co. 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Training 4,3,2,1; Rat 4, Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, XO 1; AAS 3,2,1; ME 4,3,2,1; ASME 1; Barracks Cable Co. 1



During Rat year when I told my friends of how much I disliked VMI they said "Just quit and transfer to another school." I'm unsure why I could not "just quit." I think it was because 18 yrs of influence from my family.-Third class year at VMI was no different, in some ways it was worse than rat year. The academic rat line started. Again, "just quit" and again I didn't. In addition to my family, there was another reason I stayed my roommate HUZZ, who was to be my roomie for my term at VMI.-During the 2nd class year the academic rat line got harder. It was the same "just quit" and "I can't" routine again. That year there were two more reasons I stayed. First, was my two new roommates BILLY and ROBIE. They turned out to be great. The second reason is obvious, "The Ring".-First Class year academics were harder and there was never any free time. "Just quit", but "I didn't". In addition to my family, roommates, and "The Ring", I gained even more. The following helped emensely; all the ME's I BSed with, Chi-Chi, J-Bird, Curtis, Chet, etc. -
I thank everyone for giving me courage and support. You were there for me, I'll be there for you.

Dykes: 1989 - Hank Amato
1995 - Pete(gravel), Josh, Meathead, Pat

William Leimkuhler

Special Student/Mechanical Engineering

Bill, Bill, Bill

McLean, Virginia

Swimming 4; Water Polo 4,3,2,1; Duncan Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 2; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Slow Cruise 3





Damn, it's over.

Dykes: 1989 - Bob Lucas
1995 - Trey Traughber

Jonathan M. Lester

U.S.M.C./CE

Avi, Mo, C.F., A.O.S.

Rural Retreat, Virginia

Pvt. 4,3,2,1, Sgt. 2; Rat Training 1; Football 4, ASCE VP 1, Girlfriendless 4,3,2,1; Summer Scholar 4,3,2; Weekend Warrior 1; Dean's List 2,1; Redneck 4,3,2,1.





If I only knew what I was getting into that October afternoon when I decided I wanted to come here. If I had to decide again, I'd still come here. I will carry the memories of this place and the people with me forever. The "porch" has seen some good times. I will never forget the trips, weekends, summer schools, and adventures of the past 4 years. I appreciate all the H.R. Thanks to Hurst, Cathcart and those in '91 for showing me the way through this place. Thanks to the C.E. faculty for their guidance up the hill of science. Mallory Hall... words should not be printed to express how I feel about you. Here's to the 06 crew, thanks for putting up with me. Most of all thanks to Mom, Dad, Teresa, and the rest of the family for all their support. My only regret is that Grandaddy Lester didn't get to see me make it this far. Good Luck '92. "We'll see y'all in the mornin'." Avi
"A Country Boy Can Survive" - Hank Jr.
"It Takes More Than This Place To Get Me Down"
"The Jammer"
"I've Got Friends In Low Places" - Garth Brooks

Dykes: 1989 - Chris Clark
1995 - Gabe Beck
Mark Kincer

Joseph Neal Lineberry

Special Student/Economics & Business

Cornelius, N.E.A.L., Lil' One

Buena Vista, Virginia

VMI Haters Club 4,3,2,1; Computer Assistant 2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; TEBA 2,1; Sore One 4,3,2,1





Well, I have finally made it through this place. Looking back on my four years, I can say one thing...THIS PLACE SUCKS! However while here I met some of the best friends of my life. Zulu, we have been roomies since Matriculation, we have been through a lot together, you are a great friend, thanks for everything. Tom, I couldn't have asked for a better friend and roomie, "Get me another Beer." Quad, remember all of the road trips to Radford, Charlottesville, Elon, etc. Thanks for all the rides when I didn't have a license, you're the goods. I would also like to thank Aunt Peg, Uncle Fred, Aunt Tes, Uncle Gary, Granny and PaPa Spence, Granny Jean, PaPa Joe, and Margaret. Andi, you are the best sister anyone could have, I love you and thanks for everything! Dad, if it wasn't for your inspiration and guidance I could have never made it. Most of all I would like to thank Mom. You are the light of my life, the one I always turn to in times of need. I love you. To my best friend Jeff, remember all the good times with a lot of friends and a lot of beer. Wendi, even though things didn't work out between us, I wish you the best.

Dykes: 1989 - John Adametz
1995 - Josh "Fester" Beebe

Marvin Kirk Lipes

Air Force/Economics & Business



LIPS

Covington, Virginia

Virgin Private 4,2,1; Gone 3; Summer School 4,3,2; Gone 3; Slacker 4,2,1; Deans Other List 4,2,1; F-trooper 4,2,1; Ac Stars(ya right) Brotherhood of Jim Beam 4,2,1.

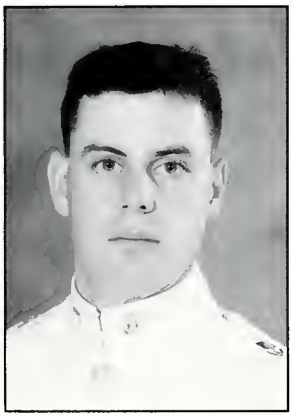


Many times people have asked me why I came to VMI. Well, with any luck I will be leaving soon and I still don't know why I came. I still question the decision often. However, now all I can hope is that it has helped me become the man I had hoped it would. As difficult as the times here have been, the good and the bad are all memories I would not change for the world. To Dean and Sean, man, what we have been through together, 4 years is to short for such good friends, I hope we stay close forever. Thanks goes first to God, for me to have made it here he must have been watching over me. And to Mom, Dad, Chris, Anne, Mike, Granny, and Tina, for all your love, support, help, caring, advice, patience, and understanding, and for believing in me when I didn't know what the hell to believe in. I couldn't have done it wihout each one of you. I love you all, forever. And to David, keep your eye on the ball and your nose in the books and some day it will all be worth it.

Dykes: 1989 - Crawford Chris
1995 - David Groseclose

Matthew Bowman Lough

U.S.M.C./Mathematics



Loman, Lo, Recondo

Franklin, West Virginia

Rat 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Opts. Sgt. 2; Regt. XO 1; Football 4,3; Scuba Club (Pres.); Semper Fi Society (Vice-Pres.); Special Opts. Team; Honorable Mention Rhodes Scholar, Radford 4,3,2,1



Well it is finally over, I made it! OOOYA! First I would like to thank my mom and dad. You were always there to support me both mentally and financially. Thanks, I love you both and to you I owe all. Also to the rest of my family. Your support has been never-ending and has carried me through this place. I love you all. Andy, there are not enough words to sum it up. We've been through our own personal hell together. We finally made it. I couldn't have asked for a better brother and friend. To Jason and Will, wish we could have lived together every year. You guys are the best. I'm sure the future holds many more good times for the boys of room 141. Doug, your the best of friends. Remember drive fast and take chances. You're the best. To Bill and Luther, see you guys in hell. To the Class of 1992: "To those, and those like us, damn few left!" Good-Bye VMI!!!
"Carpe Diem"

Dykes: 1989 - Dan "the Man" McGrew
1995 - Luther Peeders
Bill McBride

Mark C. Loving

Army/Civil Engineering



Buddy

Mechanicsville, Virginia

Virgin Private 1,2,3,4; Summer Scholar 5,3,2; G.C. Secretary 1; Trainer 3; Bama Club 4,3,2,1; Football 4



It was a hot summer day when I walked into this cold-hearted place, but I over came this place and now I'm moving onto bigger and tougher challenges. There are so many people to thank and not enough space. Mom and Dad, There are not enough words to say what I want, except THANK YOU and I LOVE YOU. Monte, I don't know what was tougher the Ratline or the Monteline. Noelle, although I never wrote back, thanks for the letters of encouragement. To the Boys in the Corner, we made so many memories that will last a life time. Scott and Billy, one thing to say Hey There. Dave, I appreciate the golf trips in so called "God's Country". Mike D, don't ever change and Good luck in whatever you do. Boris and Pig, you made the last two years relaxing and a Blast, and Lester, Hey what can I say, but "A Country Boy can Survive."

Buddy Luv

Dykes: 1989 - John Jacobs
1995 - David Griffin

Allan Townsend Lunsford Jr.

Army/History

Luns, Big Al, Lunsovich

Warrenton, Virginia

Varsity Football 4,3,2; Pre-Law Society 3,2,1; FCA 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1.





"O my strength, I sing praise to you; you O God you are my Fortress, my loving God" Psalm 59 We are changed. Each one of us. From the moment we stepped through Jackson Arch until the day we depart, the Institute has shaped and changed our very lives. With all of her "divine wisdom" and ways of "building character," she has hammered out a different breed of men that can and must lead this shaken and misguided world. We must all come to grips with the awesome responsibility that lies ahead.
It has been 4 years in which I have said goodbye to a dear friend, but yet welcomed two precious souls into this world. Years of stress, fear, happiness and sadness have engulfed me, however it is the laughter and goodtimes that I shall always remember. Bubba, Scott and Charlie - we have forged a bond that can never be broken-Thanks for everything. To all the other guys (too numerous to mention)-let us always remember our youth and laughter together. To Mom and the rest of my family - thanks for the understanding. I love you all. Big Al-WE made it. You are one of a kind.

Dykes: 1989 - Brian Pannell
1995 - Jack B., Brett B., Eric Y.

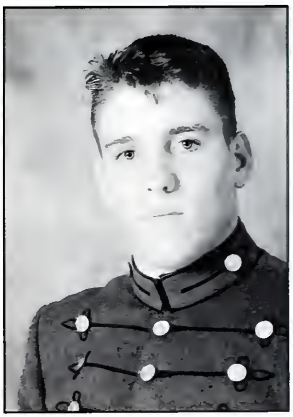
Daniel Joseph Lyle

Army/History

D.O.S., Dan-O

Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Conduct Pro 4,3,2; Grady Club 4,3,2,1





O.K. it goes like this-V.M.I.....to each his own, but I haven't figured it out. My friends here have been my education. TW, Zig, Scott, TJ, Head, Shapaw, Ogy, Matt, Ikabod, Chis, Willy, Sloth, Bill, Dave, we've spent times together that will last forever. I'd love to mention them all, but I've got to retain some sort of morality. Mom and Dad, I love you both beyond compare. You are truly special. However, my boys, we are destined for future carnage...live for one another and pride in yourself. To all my friends, and you know who you are, separation is not inevitable. Remember never to forget. Drew and Rob-my boys!! J.W. I owe you. Finally, to everyone, you criticize to much, love life and each other. T W N F M B.

Dykes: 1989 - Drew Baden
1995 - Drew Dunnington Rob Glenn

Lee MacGregor

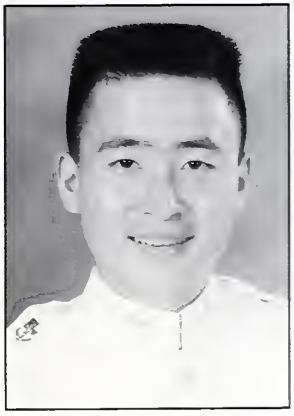
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Mac, Korean Red-Neck

Raphine, Virginia

Rat(F-Trooper), Cpl, Sgt, Lt; MNMB CO XO; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Econ/Bus Association 3; Karate Club 2(Tres.); Ranger Challenge 2,1; Distinguished Military Student; AirBorne!; Deans List 3;





VMI has taught me many lessons that will be of value in my life. This institute has forced me out of my immaturity and guided me into adulthood.
Mom and Dad, I owe you the greatest thanks. Without your love and support all this would have been impossible. Your selfless generosity is truly a dream come-true for me. I love you both.
To the BRs of '92, thanks for making the four years at VMI a memorable experience. Dwight, thanks for the PT sessions; Neal, we'll study together for the MBA; Dave, I'll give you a hunting lesson when we graduate so that you can get a buck...like mine; Brian M, Brian K, Neal, Dave and Rob W congrats on your engagements and good-luck! Ranger Challenge(Black), Great laughs and Great Pain(ruck runs) but, "never again;" Honorary Rednecks, you're always welcome to come back to my home for a Rebel Yell; Steve, you're a great roommate (369,269,169)! I've enjoyed our midnight sardines, potted meats and what ever our moms sent. Brian, you're a good Raphine Rat. I'm proud of you, keep working hard and drive on.
Dad, who's next(59,92,?)??

Dykes: 1989 - Mitch Fridley
1995 - Brian K. Ritchie

Devon Mahoney

Army/Economics & Business



Elf

Goleta, California

Cadre 3,2; 1st Cpl, Reg S-3 Sgt, Ops Sgt, Plt Lt; Ranger Plt 4,3,2; Ranger Challenge 3,2; Boxing 1; Air Borne



It's been a long and then again short 4 years. Mom and Dad thanks for the support and love you've given me these past years. I love the both of you and could never repay you. Next I want to thank all those people who have made the memories that make this place unforgettable. All the FTXs that seemed to never end-"Another Hill!" What does Miba coba mean anyway? Those of us who were heua before it was cool. The mighty blue team- "Whos your dady." Ring figure- Will why didn't you catch me! To the members of OCF, bible study, and prayer groups thanks for your prayers. To the 5 closest-thanks for everything, you're the best-there's no reason to say goodbye. Amy WSS could never be forgotten. I look to our future with more excitement and happiness than I've ever known. Thanks my friend, I love you. Charles you are a great dyke, and an even better friend. Get your dream Charles, you're doing great!
Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Dykes: 1989 - Joey Cefalu
1995 - Charles Stanley

James Patrick Maiocco

Navy/Civil Engineering



Miagi, Nose, Meocho, Mumocho

Louisville, Colorado

F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Cadre 2,1; Deans List 3,2,1 (hopefully?); Permanent Hay Down 1; Giants Club 4,3,2,1; HBSC 2,1; Thursday Night Club 1; Tau Beta Pi 1; Road Trip Team 1



Being a graduate of VMI never crossed my mind after high school, I didn't even think of college. Now here I am with time running short before I am an Alum. What happened?? I can remember one of my high school teachers telling me that I was a real S!!T since I always did just enough to meet the minimums. VMI has definitely changed that attitude. I owe my success to the "man" that always answered my prayers every night. To my mom, dad, my twin brother Len, and two older sisters Julie and Chris. Thanks for everything your the best friends and family that anyone could ever have. My experiences at the "I" couldn't have been possible without "my good old buddies." Bob B. the GIANTS will win again. Clotfelter, what a year we had together, a friendship that will never be forgotten. To CLUB 281, Wyatt and "The BEAR," life with two Great Southern Hill Billies. Falcone, whats up piason. Andricos, "Yabba" we will have to meet at Tech again. Last but not least, Yeabower, what can I say "TRIPPIN" Buddy. We've had some great times together. Goodbye and remember, "Always have a purpose."

Dykes: 1989 - Angelo Biviano
1995 - James - Meathead - Montano

Jonathan G. Manley

Air Force/International Studies



Quad, TDD, Dexter

Nashville, Tennessee

Basketball 4; Rugby 3; Weight Room Assistant 2,1; Big Red Club 4,3,2; Usher 1; Conduct Pro. 3,2; #1 Club 2 (Pres.); Late Night at Lee Hi 2,1; Busch and Beam Appreciation Club 4,3,2,1.



Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
and sorry I could not travel both...
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.

-Robert Frost

When I chose to come to VMI four years ago, my friends all asked me why I wanted to put myself through this. I honestly didn't know how to answer this, but I knew somehow that I would be a stronger person for it. It's hard to believe four years have come and gone. I don't know if I could do it again, but I wouldn't give up the experience for anything. Although I've sworn again and again how much I hate this place, in my heart I know I made the right choice. Mom and Dad, I owe so much to you. You've always been there for me, encouraging me when I didn't think I could go on. I just hope I will be able to repay you some day. I also want to thank all of the Lineberrys for giving me a home away from home. I've always thought about how much VMI has taken away from me, but I'm just beginning to see how much it has given me.

Dykes: 1989 - Davin Ruohomaki
1995 - Eric Morton

Erik Douglas Marechal

Air Force/Economics & Business

E, Marekelli,, Turtle

Waynesboro, Virginia

Tennis 4,3,2,1; Tennis Team Captain 1; Investment Club 2,1; President Inv. Club 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; President and Treasurer 1,2; Academically Distinguished 2,1





I can not believe that it is almost over. I guess time flies when you are having fun???? In all seriousness, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people that have made the past 4 years both bearable and rewarding. I can not thank my parents enough for providing me with everything I could ever ask for. Paige, thank you for all of your love, support, special weekends, and my Chio roomies at Va Tech for 2 great summers. Club 400 (Willie, Luvin, John, Jon). Best of luck to each of you. Steve thanks for everything. Jon and Doobie, you two are like brothers to me. Thanks to Coach Alrutz and the tennis team. Cheers to Uncle Larry and the 3 % ! Clifford, you can thank me this time next year. Good luck Lucy and Swobo.

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Boyd
1995 - Mark Lacy
Kurt Swoboda

Charles Hamilton Martin III

Special Student/International Studies

seabreeze, huh?, what?,

New Kent, Virginia

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1, Water Polo 4, 3, 2 (VP), 1 (Pres), Swim team 4, asleep 4,3,2,1

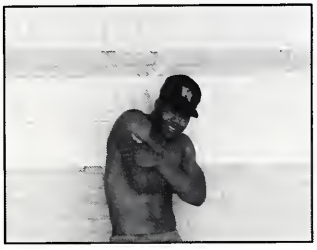




Life here at the I is unbearable sometimes and impossible all of the time. I never doubted that I would finish, but I often wondered as to why I stayed, why I wanted the ring so bad, and above all, why I wanted to graduate above all else. VMI was a challenge I had to face, and I truly believe that I am that much better of a person for not ducking but tackling it head on. I stumbled often, without the support of my family I would have fallen for sure. Mom and Dad I love you and thank you for believing in me and pushing me to succeed. To my roommates Woody, Chip, and Chuck, the "ace" of chairs is retiring, the "butt" is moving on, I wish you Godspeed in your journeys through life, you are truly the best. Chris Hoskins, you are still a little cocky, but you are a truly a great dyke, hang in there and graduate, rest assured, it may be tough, but the things you have to struggle and work hard for in life are the only ones that count. Jason and Dale, I wish you good luck with the Water Polo Team, I have many fond memories of water polo, it is a great sport with a great bunch of guys. To anyone who wants it, I leave my inability to march, goodbye mother I.

Dykes: 1989 - 1988 Eric Lasalle
1995 - 1995 Chris Hoskins

B. L. Mason

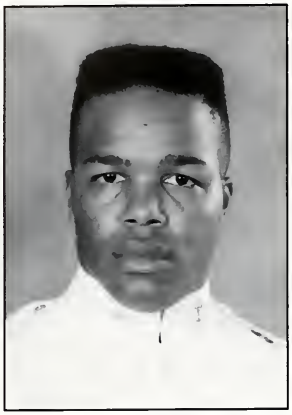




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Curtis Mason

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Big-Daddy, Mayton

Chesterfield, Virginia

Varsity Football; Promaji Club



First, I would like to thank GOD for getting me this far in my life. Next I would like to thank my mother and family for sticking with me through this place. To my friends and so called friends I thank you too. Lastly to my father who made me come here, but didn't live to see me to this point, I thank him also. Peace.

Dykes: 1989 - John C. Gregory
1995 - John F. Cross
Terry Tucker

Robert Sherwood Mason

Navy/Economics & Business



BABS

West Terre Haute, Indiana

Trower 3,2; Co-founder Bushwackers 3,2,1; Fire Starters 4; Rugby Now and Then.



First and foremost I must thank Mom and Dad, the two most important people in my life, to whom I owe everything, especially the chance to start over. Thanks Mom and Dad for not giving up on me when times weren't so good. I Love You. Now onto my Buds. Mike, you have been my roommate and closest friend since the beginning. I've had the best and worst times with you from bushwackings and bonfire to summer school; and the list goes on. No more racquetball court jobs! Neil, I know you didn't join on until second class year, but we've had too may good times to even remember. Don't forget we are the masters of all we survey. I can't forget my home away from home, room 128, with Zulu, Neil, Johnny, and the Mizer and room 134, where Texas Ted and Wild Phil make you appreciate the phrase "Momma don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys". To the biggest Bud Matt "Guns" Humphrey, you know your my idol in the weight room and my mentor when it come to getting the babes. Finally, to one of my newest and best Buds, Ed, No matter how good things seem don't forget "We're not allowed", and no matter how bad things get "SLZ". It's a short 4 years, make the most of it.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Leamy
1995 - Edward Randall IV, Ed

David Taylor Massie

Army/Economics & Business



Bucket, Buckethead

Lynchburg, Virginia

Honor Court 1; Golf Team 3,2,1 (Team Captain); Illegal Car Club 3,2; Sports Info Assistant 3,2,1; "The Porch" 3,2,1



My sentence at VMI has finally come to an end, and while some may have second guessed my decision to transfer here from The University of Richmond, it has been a decision that I will never regret. The Institute is indeed a struggle that one can only appreciate through the experience itself. Steve and "Country" of 117 have always been there and have been great friends. Many a good times were spent with Buddy & Avi, whether it was spent shootin the breeze or enjoying the finer things outside of VMI. As for my beloved roomies of 112...Hugh, Nux, Miles, and Cheese, never a dull moment was spent nor was there a can of Schaefer left untouched. The best of luck to all of you in your endeavors and may our friendships continue. There is a lot to be said of our experiences on "The Porch:" however, I find it inappropriate to mention even one. Jennifer, you were always there and I will always be grateful. But above all, I wish to thank Mom and Dad for all they have provided me. Without your love, sacrifice, and encouragement, there is nothing I could have accomplished. For that I am eternally grateful. I love you both.
"There's a light at the end of the tunnel Lord I hope it ain't no train!"–Joe Diffie.

Dykes: 1989 - Matt Tederick
1995 - Jenkins, JL

Ricky Allen Mathena

Army/Modern Languages

Rick, Ricker, Gnat

Radford, Virginia

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Private 1; Federal Armed Forces University-Munich, Germany 2; Caveman 1; Head Bouncer 1.





I guess the whole VMI experience is one that tries to teach someone that no matter how you look at life, never ever be surprised by what happens. I have VMI to thank for a lot of things, and these things I probably never will be able to repay. "You will curse the place everyday you're there, but when you get out you will love the place like nothing else" was the advice I was given a long time ago, and it is true. First and foremost I thank God, not only for His Blessings since I've been here, but also for putting up with me. Dad, I wish you could have been here to see it all, but I know you did anyway. Thanks for all your lessons you taught me when I was young for without your knowledge I never would have made it. Mom, Vicky, Sandi, your support and love lifted me out of a lot of trying situations, and I thank you all and love you all for it. Tony, thanks for all the lessons in discipline and willpower. Jeff, Ben, Bryan I have one word: "Pals." Paul, thanks for being the greatest dyke I could ever have had. Steve, Wyatt, the Cave or Club 181, it will never be the same again. Dave, hang in there (the dykeage knows). To the Merediths, Mr. Grayson and everyone else: eternal thanks and love.

Dykes: 1989 - Paul R. Canada
1995 - "Diamond" Dave Mitchell

Andrew Mays

Navy/Civil Engineering

Andy Drew

Waynesboro, Virginia

Tennis Team 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3; Monogram Club; FCA; OCF; Summer School 4,3,2,1





The "best" four years of my life have finally come to a close. The lessons learned at the Institute will remain with me for a long time. I will always remember the many times I have questioned this place and my decision but will always be glad I graduated. The many nights of tears, blood, and sweat will remain in my memory forever. To my parents I owe my deepest and most sincere thanks. To my roomies Dubbs with Tonya, Warren with graduation, and Glen with anybody. To my beautiful fiance, I owe everything. I love you Julie, now let's get on with our own life. To everyone else, I leave by saying this "The difficult you can do right away, the impossible may take a little time." Napoleon

Dykes: 1989 - Rob Kerr
1995 - Tom Hoskins

Dan E. Mazzei

Army/Civil Engineering

Banditto, Danny Boy,
The red headed L.

Vienna, Virginia





Life's most rewarding experiences are often the most trying. God, my family, and my friends have made the trial worthwhile. To Dave, Ub, and Stack you all were the best roommates I could have asked for. Thanks for your help and for putting up with me. Hosenheffer, we came so close to termination. To the original black team, may we someday reunite in battle. Womack...get a life. Neal, my right hand man, good luck with Caddy. Rob, thanks for your friendship and may you and Liz last forever. Pud, you are the best prosecuter to have ever graced VMI. To the Horrah room...OPEN THE DOOR! To Jamie, John M., and John P., I'll never forget your assistance in the family business. To the sinks, may we always be as one. Most importantly, to my mom, I love you. You were always there when I needed you. Your support will never be forgotten. To my father maybe someday we will again be friends. To Mike and Noel, you two are an inspiration to any couple that searches for true love. To Kevin Coffman, my life long friend, the vow lives on. Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

Dykes: 1989 - Bill "wild man" Miller
1995 - Matt "spaz rat" Russel

Brian Ellis McCarthy

Navy/English



Mac, TDG, Gretzky

Sandwich, Massachusetts

Band Co. 4,3,2,1; Theatre 4,3,2,1; Rugby 3,2; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Late Night Padooba 2,1; English Society 3,2,1 (prosecuter); Den Head 3,2,1; Frat Co. 3,2,1; Secret Society 1; Cpl 3, Sgt, Master Sgt 2, Private 1;



The end is finally here, and none too soon for the likes of me. I would like to point out that I believe I will be the only member of 357 to graduate on time-even though you beat me Al you were still further behind than me!! I am not exactly sure what to say to you guys, Big Al o' the aerodynamic nose and Dave the Twinkee, except thanks so much for doing this VMI thing with me, I don't know how much this school means to me now but I do know where you stand. If I have twin first-born sons I might just have to give them to you I love you guys so much. As for you Tate and Soldow - Make me some Tea!! Ward: We'll see you in the Keys! Harold and Johnny: good luck and I'll still have a job for you! Billy Stone: Why aren't you chopping! Beat Army, Sir! Baragona, Leland, COL & Mrs. Harbach, Burr, Joellen, BR Brodie, Shawn and Arleigh: Each of you helped me through here in many subtle and not so subtle ways, I hope that some day I can repay you, thank you. K, I don't know what else to tell you, I think that you know it all already. Mom, Dad, Mike, and my family: You, I can never thank enough, I hope that I have not caused you too much pain, and I am sorry for that which I have. I love you!!

Dykes: 1989 - Bob Spieldenner
1995 - They all left

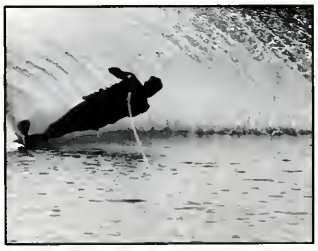
Mark Edward McCary

Air Force/International Studies



Minneapolis, Minnesota

Uni-Bw Hamburg 2; KNNvL 2; Middlebury 2; Bob & Mark's Big Adventure 2; Dover I 2; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Tennis 4, Rat Training 3,1; 5th Stoop Crew 4; Chk Pt Charlie 1; Cpl/Reg Cpl 3; Sgt Maj 2; Pvt 1.



Far to the North in Indian Territory, there's a land of many waters. Divided by the great river, its sister cities are swept by arctic winds that scorch the lungs and bite the skin. Stumbling through blinding snow, his face is weathered; his heart prepared. From his homelands he ventures eastward testing himself with rites of passage at a hidden keep in estranged mountains. Haggard and worn he survives the trials and does not yield. As he steps forth into the unknown darkened forests, his eyes burn with newfound resolve. He lifts his head upwards, remembering in his quest for wisdom, the runes of a most sacred scroll: "Commit everything you do to the Lord and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3 To all whose paths have crossed his way...I wish you only the best. To my family; I thank you for your love. To Jeff & Lance, I will miss our laughs. 3/27/89 Dutchess, may you always rest in peace...Dad, do you have the boat in yet? Hirty are you up for it? I've got some serious water skiing to catch up on.

Dykes: 1989 - Lawrence "Lar-Bo" Nathan
1995 - Jason "Geist" Fore

Joseph McClung

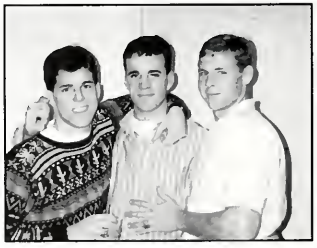
Army/Mechanical Engineering



MacCloud

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Cadre 1,2,3; Roadrunners 2; Boxing 3 Cpl 3; Op Sgt 2; 1st Batt. S-1 1; ASME 2,1; Hotel Chairman 2



Over the past four years, I've come to realize that it's the people who go here that make VMI unique. Two people in particular are my roommates, John and Dick. You guys have always been there to cheer me up when I needed it, and even when I didn't. Without you, my experiences and memories would be dull, to say the least. "You always come back to the basics." As for the guys in the Hole, I wouldn't be graduating this May if it weren't for your help. To the Swanman, I will keep my "office" door open at all times. You were, and still are the one I come to for advise. The only thing that can be said to Loret is, "Who's your Daddy." To my hometown BR, Jonesy, may the times ahead be as good as the ones in the past. To Mr. and Mrs. Marechal, you have been my parents away from home. I can't thank you enough. Mom, you once gave me a piece of advice that describes one of the many things that VMI has taught me, "You're only as big as the things that get you down." Dad, I've said it before, but if I grow up to be the father that you have been to me, then love, happiness, and success will be right around the corner. And finally to my BR's ... "Honor and Unity in the face of change."

Dykes: 1989 - Dan "Fitz" Fitzgerald
1995 - Pat Haggerty, Brad Coleman

Scott Arthur McKenna

Navy Special Student/Mechanical Engineering

Leon, Thunder

Reston, Virginia

Football 4; Soccer 2,1; Nothing 3; Cpl-Busted; Sgt-Far as You Know; Invest. Club 2,1; ASME 2,1; Club 22 3,2,1; Ill. Car Club 3,2; Late Nites 3,2,1; Bourke's Pyro Club 3,2; Beat Club Am. 2,1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1





As I sit here pounding the Milli B's only wishing the nightmare was over, I must contemplate the past. When I visited VMI I feli victim to the endless propaganda VMI diseminates to vulnerable freshmen. O.K., so I got suckered. But when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Here at VMI I have learned many lessons, and a good number have been other than "book knowledge." Although there have been those who I see as weak and worthless, there was always the fellas in club 22 to rely on. VMI has taught me not to take things for granted. The world is getting weak and VMI is no exception. The old corpsk new a hard ratline, today we know no part of that. O.K., it's time for the credits. Chuck, Bubba and Lunz(yentl-they both fit), the Club 22, I couldn't have accidentally picked a better bunch of cohorts in crime. I'm glad we never argued over trivial subjects and when we partied we never drank ourselves into oblivion (were Club 22 and you suck!) To Mom and Dad - Thanks for your endless patience and undying support. I Love You. Thanks! Club 22 - I will not miss this place but I will miss you guys. Sean We'll ride again someday-until then, peace.

Dykes: 1989 - Brett Carter
1995 - Mike Mongeillo, David Flowers

John H. Miller

Navy/Chemistry

Squirrel, Dusty, Mil duty

Midlothian, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Sergeant 2; Hotel Guideon; Secretary of ACSSA; Hush Hush Club 2,1; Conduct Pro 3,2; Summer School 2; Summer Research 3,2.





I decided in my senior year of high school that I needed discipline in order to get an education. Well, VMI gave me what I asked for and a little more. I learned the system the hard way, but with the help of BRs I got through. I would like to thank both mom and dad for all the support and loving you gave me during the rough times. I knew the start of my VMI experience was not the best, however, I still made it.

I would like to thank my roommates from the past and present for the great times. First Ben we are the only survivors of 471. For Baush and Lappy, the times we had together were to good to last drop. I knew that Baush would end up getting me into trouble of some sort. Rick, Frank, and Brian you have scarred me for life. People were scared to enter room 329 and I was blessed to live there. Frank by the way the radiator is on. Rick please don't maltreat the Abbos in any way unless nobody is watching. Brian I still have not figured your sorry ass out yet. For the rest of my BRs live long and prosper.

Again I would like to thank my parents and Kathy for giving me the encouragement to go on. You were all right about the times going fast.

Dykes: 1989 - John Boniface
1995 - Larry Burriss

John Milstead

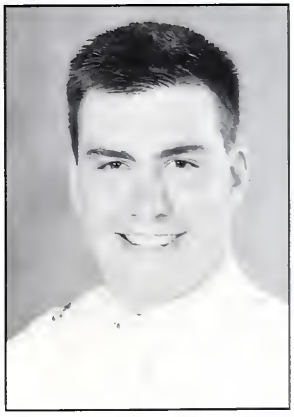
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Scud

LaPlata, Maryland

Football 4,3,2,1 Theater 2,1



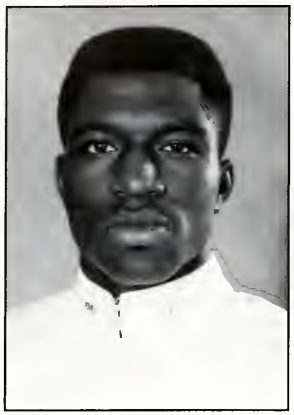


I guess it's time to walk out of here and not worry about the stick. Harold, remember if you're not bitching you're not living. Mike, save your BDU's for those long New Mexico nights. Shell thanks for always being there. Mom and Dad keep the faith. Bob stay cool. Pat remember you can do anything. Congrats to all of my BRs and best of luck in the future. Our cadetship has now reached Taps and there is nothing checking our status, LETS GO!!

Dykes: 1989 - T.J. Reilly
1995 - Pat Monahan
Bob Stanley

Marcus Mines

Army/History



D.J, Doswell

Doswell, Virginia

Promaji Club, Varsity Football, Varsity Track

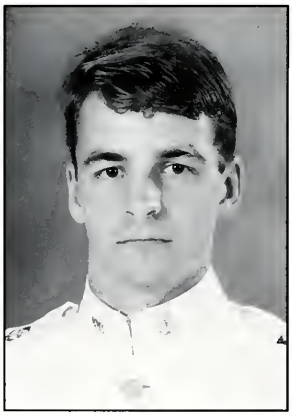


First, i would like to thank GOD for my health and the health of my family. I would like to thank my mother, and my grandparents for being there when I needed them. I would also like to thank my roommates, and the rest of my friends, both home and at the "I" for putting up with me. Thanks, if it wasn't for all of you I wouldn't be where I am today.

Dykes: 1989 - Anthony McIntosh
1995 - Jeff Hubbard

William Minnigerode

Army/Economics & Business



Claud, Ichabod Crane

Newport News, Virginia

Taco Stand 1; Lacrosse 2 1; Investment Club 1;



Mom, Dad, Fred, Amy, and Emily - I can't thank you enough for helping me survive the past four years. I definately got my money's worth. The friendships I have made will last a lifetime, although I never believed I would be surrounded by so many...never mind. At any rate, I will never forget the late nights in 42 with Chisman, Big Bird, Sloth, and Haaa. Emily, you never thought I would last, but I guess you underestimated me. I can't say it was easy, but I had some great times: Powerline bonfire; KA & the Barn w/ D.J.; Disneyland parties; Little"t"; ask Matt he knows; Bean's Bottom w/ Bird; Cyberball; heckling Attitude Adjuster & Shlimsky...Ring; Dickie I always make perfectly good sense-why study?; road trips w/ Grit; and John I must say that I will always be competitive. Fred, thanks for looking out for me. I recommend every room have an air conditioner in the summer months.Zig...S-5

"Winning is everything"

Dykes: 1989 - Bob Davis
1995 - David Armbruster

Joel David Moody

Navy/English



Moodage, Twinkee, Twink(s)

Raleigh, North Carolina

English Society 1; Band 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Rugby 3; Corporal 3; Plt. Seargent, 1st Seargent 2; Plt. Lieutenant 1; Cadre 2; Bird's Apprentice 4,3,2,1



Well, its time for me to say my peace and shut up. I must admit that I have become richer in wisdom and patience by attending VMI, even though I complained constantly. I have too many good memories to be able to say it wasn't worth it. My deepest love and thanks must go to my parents for their guidance. Your support has been more valuable than you can ever imagine. Chris, good luck at NCSU, bro. Your gonna do fine. To my wonderful grandparents and the rest of my family, thanks for the love and the many laughs. To my roommates Al and Mac(Barney Rubble), thanks for the great times and the road trips from hell.(i.e. UNC, Hollins) You guys are the greatest. To my best friend John Ward(Frankie, Stud), who once accidentally assaulted a beer keg, thanks for the great moments, the cocktail parties, and the in-depth stoop talks. Finally, all hail Buzzard! Bird, you taught me well. Jim, prepare for the long road and harder times, but remember to have fun along the way. Good luck to my BR's of '92. Moodage is outta here.

Dykes: 1989 - Tom Spivey (Buzzard)
1995 - Jim Firnbach

Brian Joseph Moore

Army/International Studies

Morely, Mad Morely

York, Pennsylvania

Rat 4; CPL/Regt CPL 3; BN SSGM 2; CDT CPT 1; MNMB S-1 1; Cinema and Draft Club 2,1; Secret Society 1





The past four years have been an education. Never again will I experience anything like this, nor will I ever have the desire to again. The friendships which grew out of these long years are my prized possessions. My roommates: Frank, Rick and John all stood by me when things were rough. Paul, Lex, Eric and Chris helped me make sense of this place. I would be extremely negligent if I didn't mention the people who mean the most to me. Mom and Dad, I know you've had to put up with alot, and by now you're tired of hearing me say "Don't worry, I've got everything under control." Without you're support I wouldn't have made it through VMI. I needed this time to grow and you gave me that. I hope you realize how much that means to me. Keith, I feel like we've been apart forever. I'm glad we remained close through all of this. Most importantly Jaclyn, you're the most recent part of my life and the most special to me. You've put up with all of this - that in itself means alot. Our future together is just beginning and this is the first step of many we will take together. Finally, to those who remain at VMI all I can say is don't take this place too seriously.

Dykes: 1989 - Martin Malloy
1995 - Steven Lyons

Philip McGregor Moore

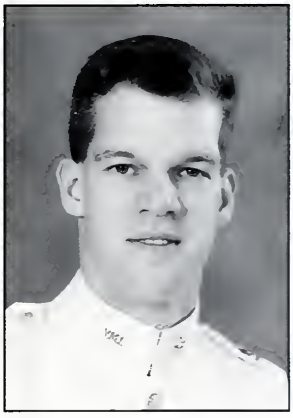
U.S.M.C./Civil Engineering

Tuco, Hollywood

Opelika, Alabama

Hell 4,3,2,1; Freezing to Death 4,3,2,1; Copenhagen 2.5,1; Yankee Bustin' 4,3,2,1; AABKK 4,3,2,1





I would like to say that this has been the absolutely worst four years of my life. I hated every minute of it. I will say that VMI has shown me to appreciate the very small things in life that have been stripped away as soon as I walked into this place. It has also shown me how screwed up the north is. Now I know why all the weird stuff happens up here.
I would like to thank my family for putting up with my bad attitude these past several years. Kate, you have talked me through some rough times, and I will always hold you close to my heart. Tedd, Smokey the Marlboro Man, you have helped me stay sane these past three years. I couldn't have done it without you!! Hopefully the icebergs will melt, and I can head south again. Maybe by the next couple of centuries, yall might have things a little less screwed up around this part of the country. Well, goodbye forever VMI. I'm saddle bound and layin' low headed for Alabama!!!

Dykes: 1989 - Jerry Damron

James Michael Morris

Peace Corps/Civil Engineering

Cat, Catman chickenhawk

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Private 4,3,1 SGT 2, Theatre 3.2 (Pres), 1; ASCE Officer 1; AUSA 4,3; Plug&Chug 2,1





Well, My cadetship has finally come to an end. I really can't say that I will miss anything about this hole except the people. To my roommates, John "Milscud" thanks for adding a little insanity into my life and Harold "Opus" quit bitching for once life isn't all THAT bad!!! To my parents and sister, You may not have agreed with my decision to come here, but you always supported me to the fullest. I only hope that I can make you half as proud of me as I am of all of you... Finally, Jimmy Hoffa try to keep your sense of humor and remember it will be over before you know it. Harold and John try to graduate someday and I'll come back to see it. WELL, Adios and I'm glad to be rid of this place with all its silly rules and games. Looking back on it all I wouldn't take a million dollars for my years at VMI, but I wouldn't take 10 million dollars to go through it all over again. PEACE!!!

Dykes: 1989 - 1988 Pilon Campbell
1995 - Jimmy Hoffer

Stephen W. Morris

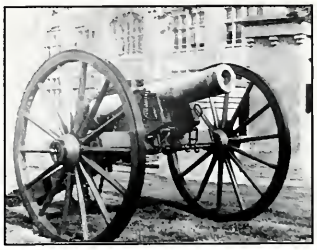
Air Force/International Studies



Cyborg, Robocop

Mechanicsville, Virginia

Cpl 3, Msgt 2, Pvt 1; Dean's List 3,2,1; VMI a.m. Drummer 3,2,1; S-5 Counselor 1; Rat Training 2



Four years ago I entered VMI. I believed the hype and bought the program. VMI never ceased to amaze me. My class suffered through major administration changes as VMI is suffering now. This is not the same VMI so many proud alumni remember. This VMI that once produced educated and honorable men allowed a cadet to record his sexual liasions with a faculty member with impunity. Administration would also have one more cadet "perfect on parade" rather than with a rat preparing for emergency surgery. Tradition only serves the administration, where common sense and stupidity often overlap. Although VMI has it's problems, I would never relinquish my experience here. There are opportunities not available to outside students. Thanks to my family for being there. Good luck to the post '92 classes. Bring VMI to it's past glory and take advantage of what is still VMI.

Dykes: 1989 - Andrew Rose
1995 - Jared Cornwell, Jeff Ryan

Tedd Muery

Navy/History



Tex, Texas Tedd, Toodles

Cowtown, Texas

Hell 4,3,2,1; AABKK 4,3,2,1; Converting BR's to listening to George Strait 4,3,2,1; Wishing I was back in Texas 4,3,2,1; Listening to George, Clint and Garth 24 hours a day.



Well, there were a heckuva lot of things they didn't tell me when I hired on with this outfit, but I truly value the experiences I have gained here. I've made a lot of good friends here, and I don't hold it against y'all for not being from Texas. Dad and Mom, thanks for putting up with me during these trying years. Joan, Justin and Clinton, y'all are the best little brothers and sister that anyone could ever ask for. Shae, you're a great sister, and all the times I spent in Abilene with you and everyone else are very close to my heart. I'll never forget any of it! I truly think you have introduced me to a gold mine out there in West Texas. Philip, you're a great friend, and I value all the crazy times we had out here. George Strait, I think I've listened to "Amarillo By Morning" every day I've been here, and I know how you felt when you wrote and performed "I Can't See Texas From Here."

"The West became the mainstay of American power and vigor, the home of an Americanism that looked down on the slightly decadent Easterners who stayed behind." Amaury De Riencourt

Dykes: 1989 - John Giltz

Craigh Ian MacIntyre Myers

Navy/Electrical Engineering



Virginia Beach, Virginia

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Trident Society 3; IEEE 3,2; Rat Training 2; U.S. Naval Reserve 4,3,2,1;



Has it really been four years? It seems like such a short and long time. So much has happened that I can't begin to recall it all. I'm wiser to a few things though. I've learned more about life, both good and bad, in the last four years than in the previous 18. This has been hard and has thoroughly sucked, and I want to thank everyone who has lent support to me in times of need. (All those late night phone calls--thanks for being understanding about that Dad.) I would never have gotten this far without you all.

Dykes: 1989 - Vincent Buser
1995 - Cheng Simon Yung-Guang

James Matthew Myers

U.S. Army/Economics & Business

Jimmy, Jimbo, Jimbob, LT., lb.

Vestal, New York

LaCrosse 4,3,2,1 (Captain); Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Ranger Lt. 2; MNMB S-2 1; Oxford Tutorial 2; HC ELF 2; Sink Patio Party 1; Hollins Represntative (Night Students





We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

ROMANS: 3-5

And I have never in my life Felt more alone than I do now. Although I claim dominions over all I see, it means nothing to me. There are no victories in all our histories without LOVE.

- STING -

Dykes: 1989 - David Hope
1995 - Todd Rupright
Mike Rainwater

Franco Neto

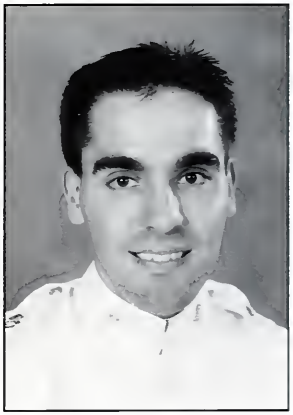
Navy/English/French

Eddy Munster, Gnetto GNU

Mclean, Virginia

Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Private 1; Rat Training 1; French Honor Society 3,2,1; English Society 3,2,1





Well fellas, I really don't know what to say at this point. First of all, I want to say thanks to my Mom, Dad and sister because there is no way I would have made it through without their support. Mom and Dad your the best. Keith, Shannon, Anthony, and Bob, you guys are @!#$@ but I love you anyway. I've never been as close to anybody as I've been with you guys. Keith, Buddy, the sky's the limit baby. We've gone through the best and the worst together, good luck. Without a doubt we had the best room in barracks. I hope we all get what we want. Brandon, I hope you get as much out of this place, hah! Seriously, good luck little buddy. As for my Br's some of you I got to know real well, others not so well, but it doesn't matter because we all belong to the class of '92 baby! Good luck BR's. Chow Box! (Soory, couldn't resist Bob)

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Biliunas
1995 - Brandon Plaster

Lawrence Joseph Nevel

Navy/International Studies

Caveman, Butthead, Lats, GI Joe

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Rat 4; Cpl 3; I Co MSGT 2; 1st Batt XO 1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2; Firefighters 3,2,1; Martial Arts Club 1; Cadre 2; Bulldog 2; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Newman Club 4,3; Phi Alpha Theta 2,1; Road Warrior 1; Engaged 1.





First, I'd like to thank God for the many blessings he has given me. Next, Mom & Dad, thanks for ALL the support and love. Without you both, I never would have made it through here. Elana, you've put up with me for three years of this place. I know your love is true. You've gotten me through some tough times here and now I look forward to spending the rest of my life with you.

Well, it doesn't seem like four years but I'm more than ready to leave. My experiences here have definitely made a man out of me and showed me the value of honor and discipline. It has also taught me how to put up with a lot of crap, survive without a social life, and use the word f–king in every sentence. Joel, Bob, Greg--thanks for putting up with me all these years. Its been a trip, man! Remember Radford! Joel, I'll miss ya dork. Stay in touch or I'll kill your dog, dude! Todd, Mike, George, and all the rest of the weightroom studs–good luck! I'll never forget you guys. And so it ends...OOOORRRAAAHHH!!!!!! Take my hand We're off to never-never land...

Dykes: 1989 - David Kirk

Anh-Tuan Tuong Nguyen

Army/Civil Engineering



Ted, Crazy, Nugent, The Boy

Alexandria, Virginia

Pvt 3,4; sgt 2, Pvt 1; Airborne 3, Ranger 2, Winter Frost 2, Recondo 1; Int'l club 4,3,2,1; AUSA 2, 1, Number 1 club 4, Illegal transpo 4,3,2; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1; Band guide on; ILUVTHUYCEAUCOUP 4,1.

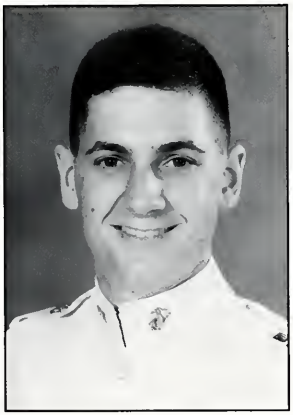


VMI has done enough to me. It's now time that she should let go. Go to the real world. A world with such a strong gravitational force that would possibly pull me down cruelly, IF I'm not strong.
Brother Rats, what can I say? You WILL forever be in my heart, and soul. Sub, Fan(CJ), Hale(Rusty), Drummond, Jahnke, Timmes(Recondo), and Johnson(Rob), thank you guys for being there when I was in deepest s--t. Uncle 8, w/o you, I wouldn't have made it. Con cam on co, chu va thiem nhieu lam. And my sweetest honey, Thanh-Thuy Tran, thanks for putting up w/ me, patiently. I love you so much, hon. Bill Langner, I salute you! And Kim, you were a very good dyke/person. Good luck, buddy. Never say DIE.
Ahua?
Last but most important, I thank God and Buddha for giving me such incredible strength and courage. Please reunite my family, at once, and, forever. Good bye BRs! Good bye MVI! It is time for ME to be whatever I resolve to be.
P.S. Capt. Keith Lovejoy, YOU are the man that I have deepest respect for. Thank you SIR, for saving me!

Dykes: 1989 - Marc Peltier
1995 - Ho Jin Kim

Donald Noschese

U.S.M.C./Mechanical Engineering



Natas, Nate, Brother Nate

Littleton, Colorado

Dweller of the Hut 4,3,2,1; Rat Training 4,3; Cadre 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4; Academically Extinguished 3,2,1; RDC 2,1; No. 2 Club 3; Rob Hurd Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Hold Dweller 3,2; Semper Fi 2,1



Summary of my VMI experience: "Hey, what do you think would happen if I threw his Rat Bible off the stoop?; Aint nothin' but another day at VMI; Where was Andricos for BRC? Oh; Hey, Neil, what are you doing here in the room?; Christmas in Annapolis...; Bow and worship the Dragon; the Red Dog Saloon; AntiChrist!!; Breakout!; Are you sure we can't use fake ID's?; Keep on winnin' with '90 - need I say more?; Jethro Tull; Neil, did you have a tough practice? By the way, you got three pink slips; Smitty!; Ring Figure!! Please wear a shirt and tie; Moe-Pod. Welcome to the Hut; Jabba - the dry-heavin' man; Bullfrog - wood chip drills and other good times; the Fred Lehman plan; Where's my diploma?"
To my family, thank you for all your support through these four strange years. Roommates - Later days... LT and Blue Boy - Stick with it. It ain't nothin' but another day at VMI. I'm outta here!

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Breheny
1995 - Brian Blue
Sean Davis

Patrick O'Ferrall

Army/Economics & Business



Petie;Enos

Richmond, Virginia

Varsity baseball 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club; Monogram Club; Surviving member Club 250



Well, I guess father really does know best! I probably would not have come to this place without your "suggestion," but I'm now realizing I'm glad you made it. Helen, Walter, Shannon, John, Carolyn, and Charlie you don't know how much you mean to me. To mom, your support through this whole thing has done more for me than you could possibly know, but most of all thanks for being my #1 fan for all these years. Ren, you showed me the ropes my first year and gave me someone to pattern myself after and I thank you for that. Joy, there's nothing that I can say here that would explain how much you mean to me. I've loved you since the first day I met you and it's only grown stronger. Todd, Jack, and Dennis: club 250 was the best. I'll never forget the friendships we have. Together we did it. To my dykes Fish, Chips, and Radar; I wish you all the best and don't worry your hair does grow back. Last, but not least to my friend Wes. Together, we have built the greatest friendship I've ever had. You were always there for me and I will never forget the great times we had. You are truly one of a kind, and thank God for that.

Dykes: 1989 - Patrick Becker
1995 - Merlin, Marlin Ikenberry

Charles Richard Vance O'Quinn

Army/History and English

O F'n Quinn, Paco, Mr. Sup

Marion, Virginia

Rank 3,2,1; Honor Court 1; Timmins Society 3,2,1(Pres.); Uno Machete 3,2,1; Ranger Challenge 3,2; Cinema '61 2,1; Coffee Talk 1;





Sleepless nights; Long, cold walks to the water. Mounds left undone, when it rains-it pours. Haggling over letters, countless trips around the deck. Intoxicating smells and clip-clop on the bricks. Pushed around by weight too heavy, Negotiating freedom and losing it all along. Treated like a boy, but knowing damn well you're a man. A chest of pride, a stomach of disgust. Daydreaming of what's to come. Crying in the closet, laughing whenever we can. The bonds unbreakable, promises the same. Strength in weakness, the friendly hand on your shoulder. Those who know and those who will never come close. Release sends away, but hearts will always turn back. Endless gratitude for those with helping hands. Stay with me forever and I will die a happy man. In the blink of a tear-filled eye, the dream is over.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Lewis
1995 - Jose Robles

Douglas Olson

Army/Civil Engineering

Bulkin, Bass-Master

Yonkers, New York

PVT 4,3,2,1; CPL 3(3 weeks); Conduct Pro 3,2; Illegal Car Club 3,2; Bass Boat Commander 3,2,1; Killington Posse 3,2,1; Summer School 3,2,1; Rugby 3; Ranger PLT 2, Theatre 1





The reasons I chose VMI over other institutions is a faded memory. Ignorance led me to four years of blood, sweat, toil, and tears, from which I'll be scarred for an eternity. But the marks the institute have left upon me will act as a buffer against the hardships that life will bring. Time will tell whether or not this investment was worth while. I can only hope that fate will be generous to me and my comrades who have suffered and succeeded these past four years.
"Good Luck and God Bless"

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Sullivan
1995 - Mike Paruti, Sam West

Albert Marcellus Orgain V

Navy/Economics and Business

Ogie, Alfred, Ogre

Richmond, Virginia

President Class of 1992; EC/GC 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3; Rugby 3,2,1; Conduct pro 4; Dean's list 4,2; Rat daddy (anonymous) 3,2,1; Cadet Staff 2,1





We all know that any man who was willing to jump off the fourth stoop was destined to be our leader. Though Marc didn't know it at the time, becoming Class President would make his cadetship a full time job, placing demands on him that would rarely allow him to attend BRC. Ever on the lookout to win friends and influence people, he always seemed to leave his mark wherever he went from the interiors of cars to the exteriors of country clubs. The Orgain cornball clan always gave their support and showed their enthusiasm with periodic barrages from their artillery. Life in 02 was always interesting with Grandpa, Zig, Todd, and the Foeschman. The satanic night creatures, liberal guido philosophy, simple country life, and the spellbinding tales of Mark Twain, never allowed a dull moment. Occasionally, Ogie had to be pulled away from his responsibilities to join the idiots of Washington Arch in their favorite late night indulgences. Regardless of his check formations and unexpected visitors, Marc will be missed by all. If you want to find him, he will be on the USS Squid chipping rust and undoubtedly sporting a fresh strapping taper, thanks to everyone for our suppport and love.

Dykes: 1989 - Troy Barbour
1995 - Arie Richards, Keith Burwell

Matthew Nelson Ott III

Navy/Economics & Business



Mott, Mateo, Ha-Ha, Otter

Richmond, Virginia

Vice-President Class of 1992 4,3,2,1; General/Executive Committee 4,3,2,1; Lacrosse 4,3,2 Captain 1; Soccer 4,3,2 Captain 1; Pvt 4 Cpl 3 Sgt 2 Lt 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Ever Summer School 4,3,1; Ghetto Boys 3,2,1; SIB 4,3,2,1; MOR; CREASE; horseman



There is no easy way to put my VMI experience into words. I've had many aspirations to date, and VMI has proven to be the vehicle which has shown me a sense of confidence as well as security. I leave confident to succeed in life's challenges. I leave noting the security of many friendships. I am grateful to the Class of 1992. BR's: We part only to meet again down the reunion road. The THANKS begin: Meredith, Heather, Mom, Dad-for your undying support, concern, and love. Coach B: My 2nd Dad, you kept the door open, allowing me the opportunity to continue the education & athletics. Got any dead man's wine? DHH & Coach Ross, thanks for the years as well as the intro to my buddy and Izuzu drivin' fool Alex(xander). To the 142 crew: What can be said? Thanks for the late nights, B.S., friendships, bad decisions & penny tosses. During the seemed monumental crises, I thank you for keeping me aware of the "BIG PICTURE." ICABOD, BIRD, SLOTH, SCHMOO Geez, Ogie, Miles,Zig, Lover, CC, Fast Ed, F man, Nucks, Diamond Dave,Huge, D.J., Sheriff, Crazy, Grit, Pildog, Plenty, Jimbo, Reggie,Pat O'ferrall-Have NO REGRETS, GOOD TIMES. Thanks JCL DREW/DYKES I'll fly, Do Mott Proud! Ring-ing...s-Fivee...HASTA...

Dykes: 1989 - J. Coleman Lawrence
1995 - Jimmy Dameron Greg Graham

Richard F. Owens

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Dick, Dickie, Reg, Reginald

Oswego, New York

Pvt 4,3,1; Sgt 1, Varsity Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; ASME 2,1



Thank God its over. All the work, late, late, late nights and exhausting days for a V.M.I. diploma? I'm betting its worth it. The times here have been good and bad and I think that most have been excellent. I have to thank the people here for that; brother rats, teammates, neighbors, and most of all roommates - how true it is that you always come back to the BASICS. To my family; aunts, uncles, grandparents, and PARENTS. Thank you for everything without you I would be nothing. Goodbye V.M.I. hello world.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin McAllister
1995 - Nick Monteleone

M. S. Owinings





No History Available

William R. Pace

Special Student/Biology

Vanilla, Petronilla, Ace

Charlottesville, Virginia

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Sec. for Monogram 1; History Minor, 325,225,119 Club.





It is hard to believe that we have finish our four glorious years (not!) at the I. It seems just like yesterday we were just starting. I really enjoyed the great times we had as a class (Ring Figure). Hopefully the friendships will continue through life. I want to thank my roommates Billy and Devon for constant friendship and support through the rough times. I want to thank my mom and family for constant love and guidance. Also, I want to thank Coach B. and my teammates for many great times (Florida). Finally, I want to thank Nancy for coming into my life and making it so beautiful! (I Love You)
P.S. Good luck Sang! and good bye!

Dykes: 1989 - Dave Williamson
1995 - Sang Kim

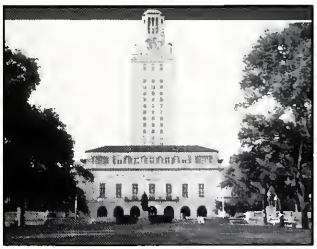
Lance David Parnell

Navy/History

Parnie, LD

Georgetown, Texas

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Football 3,2,1; Club Tejas 4,3,2,1; Trident Society, Big Red, Monogram Club





As the Institute fades from my life I also get to kiss the gridiron goodbye. Wes' Crew (MC, WP, PS, LP, & FSW) you're the greatest.
I'd like to say congratulations to all my family and friends on this and the other side of the Mississippi. Rear Admiral Muery, I salute you. Long live the Lone Star State (2 March 1836-).
God Bless.

Dykes: 1989 - John B.F. Olinger
1995 - 1995 Ken Myers

Todd Pegg

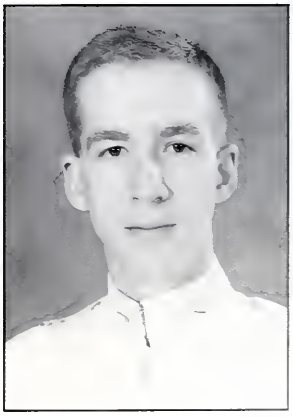
Army/Mechanical Engineering

Peggster, Peggstein

Fallston, Maryland

Band 4,3,2,1; CPL 3, PLT SGT 2, Co XO 1; Rangers 3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; '92 Brass Quintet 4,3,2,1; Brass Ensemble 3,2,1



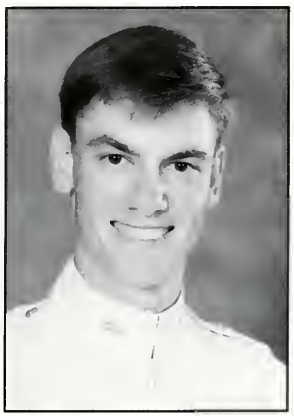


Four years gone already? I realize I'll probably be the only one to say this, but I'll miss this place quite a bit. It's had its ups and downs, but it's been home to me.
I want to give my thanks to my family, to Laura and her family, and to my friends, both at the I and in the Real World. Everything is possible with love and friends to help you.
Kevin-good luck! It will go faster than you can imagine. Alex, Chris and Tim- you can make all the noise you want at night now, but it just won't be the same, will it? MAJ Brodie and the band- have fun and go places where no Regimental Band has gone before. SLI guys- Rangers lead the way!
Hops, FTX's, conficatable items (who, me?) and Graduation-Prerequisite Midnight Missions are all things of the past now. It's been fun, and I'll miss it, but there are new worlds to explore beyond these walls. Good luck to everyone here, and especially to all my BR's.

Dykes: 1989 - Ed Rodriguez
1995 - Kevin Hershberger

Keith Andrew Peloquin

Air Force/English



Pelican, Birdman, Elf-Rat

Fairfax, Virginia

Track Team-Pole Vault 4,3,2,1; English Society 4,3,2,1(Pres); Den Head 3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Smith Hall Pawn 4,3,2,1; Self Abuse 4,3,2,1; Secret Society (Enforcer) 1; Confused & Fed Up 4,3,2,1; The Bruces G'day!

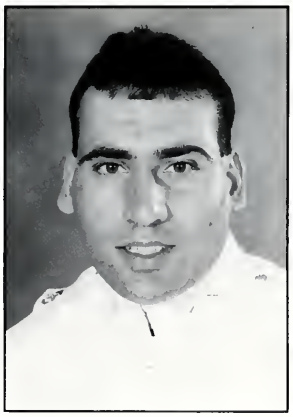


I'm proud of the 4 yrs. we've endured and proud of what it's made us as a class. Virgil said, "They are able because they think they are able," and those words apply as much today as they did back in Aug. 88. However, I've got to thank Mom & Dad for getting me safely and sanely to this point in life. You've always been there for me and I can't thank you enough. Stevi, being your little bro taught me to endure the insane aggravation of VMI and I thank you too. Back to VMI: Well, VMI's bright side is the people who pound her stoops and I was fortunate to room with 4 of the best. Bob, keep 'em in the kitchen and pregnant. Shan, if I ever see your submarine on the surface, I'll bomb it. Stinks, I signed you up for "Foot Powder of the Month Club." Franco, "CLEUSE-AU!" You've been a great best friend. Thanks. All you guys are my brothers and no matter where our lives take us, we'll always be roomies. Chow Box! Whoop! Go Skins! Neto! Shan: Bitches, man! We "got" the beat STRAIN! Jeff, I've been proud to be your dyke. Thanks. Overall: Yes, I'd do it all over again, bitching & moaning all the way. To "the road less traveled..."

Dykes: 1989 - Chris "Buddha" Kraenzle
1995 - Jeff "The Penguin" Wright

Michael S. Perfetti

Army/History



Boris

Carnegie, Pennsylvania

Football (1,2,3,4)



Well this is it! Im a man of few words but here's a few that mean a lot. It's been a real fight and I still have a bit more of it to finish but thats life and thats VMI. First I'd like to thank my family for hanging in there with me through the good and the bad times even though the bad always seemed to outnumber the good and thanks for sticking with me through all my notorious mood swings. I couldn't ask for a more understanding and loving family. Mom and Dad, I know I never express myself very well but always remember that I love you very much. To my roommates Mark and John, good luck in the future, you both have bright ones, these years have been pretty interesting with you two. Craig, what can I say, we've been through it all and Im just wondering what's next! Thanks for being there all the times I needed someone either to talk to or make me laugh. True friends are indeed hard to find. Ghost and Hostess, hang in there, things get better in time, just follow your dreams and things always seem to work out somehow. In life there will always be times when you slip and fall, you just have to keep on getting up and shake it off and never give up.

Dykes: 1989 - Joe Hurley
1995 - Rick Kilmeyer, Kevin Reardon

Scott Morris Peterzell

Army/Business-Economics



Pizelli

Atlanta, Georgia

Investment Group(VP); Big Brother little brother, Conduct Pro; ect.



The summer of my high school junior year, I read the Lords of Discipline. This was fatal mistake #1. I saw this book as a romance novel - mistake #2. I could identify with Will Mclean - mistake #3. I am now in awe of Pat Conroy's ability to put into words the emotions of his charactors. I had no idea that a system could pull my emotions so strongly. This, however, has given me a more realistic perspective on life. I feel this has enabled me to chose the values which will add the highest quality to this fleeting moment of my life. When I think of my experiences at VMI, my mind always refers back to a poem by Robert Frost intitled "The Road Not Taken." I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in the woods, and I - I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference. " Who knows what paths lie ahead...I am glad for the humorous moments at VMI that have allowed me to stay-well-somewhat sane through this FOUR YEAR challenge. To name a few: The Dorrito bag behind the radiator, Oracle and Mr. Woundy, "I did," "Is this the only desk in the room" "Turn on the light" and of course Case ball the ultimate challenge. Thanks to some grea roommates. Eric Fuller, Jeff Eget, Chris Jones, Dan Agostini, and Greg Lee Good Luck Dykes: Mike Glodowski.

1995 - Aziz Aldayel, Mike Glodowski

Charles P. Petzold

Navy/Civil Engineering

Chuck, Pez, P-zoid

Dayton, Ohio

Basketball 4,3,2,1(captain); Conduct Pro 4; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Ac Stars 2,1; Bourke nemesis 3,2; Yankee 4,3,2,1; Club 22 3,2,1; King Hypocrit 1; Chocolate Pudding 3; Unauthorized car 3,2; Late Night 3,2,1.





Hard to believe, but this four year nightmare is almost over. I would like to start off thanking everyone who helped me through this place. My sisters, I couldn't have made it without your love and support. I hope my appreciation can be seen and that I can help you all the same way you helped me. To my father, without all your advice I don't know if I'd have made it through. I'm very fortunate to have your support. I love and respect you very much. To my mother, God bless you and all those you influenced, you are the greatest. Word to the Jammer, no one does it better.
Bourke, wake up!!!
To all those who crossed into the realm of "22." Only the strong shall survive, so if you don't want to get balled up, stay the hell out!
And to the boys of club "22," my appreciation for putting up with my shit. Lunsford, I think you're getting shorter. McKenna, I'll call if you pick it up. And Bourke, well, enough said. Best wishes to you and your families. You all deserve nothing but the best. (Lunsford, STRAIN) And to everyone else, blow me.

Dykes: 1989 - Steven Dorsey
1995 - Steve HQ Piskio, B. Woolsey

Christopher L. Phelps

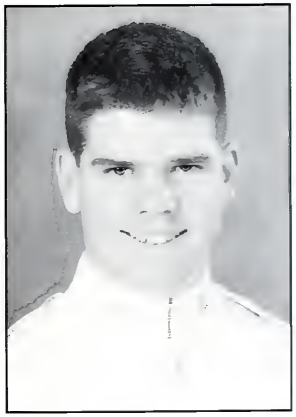
U.S. Marine Corps/Mathematics

"Smiley," "Pelt-head"

Fulton, New York

Cpl 3, Reg't S-1 Sgt 2; Reg't S-4 Capt 1; Semper Fi Society 4,1; Ac Stars 3,1; Varsity Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Bulldog 2; Broken 4,3,2,1.





It's been a long, but short, four years and I'm glad that things are finally coming to an end. I leave here with only one hope, that it all really was worth it. I hate to think what it would have been like without the unending support and encouragement of my family, so I thank you Mom, Dad, and Dany. Mom and Dad, thank you for the opportunity to come here...I think. To Mark Baysley, thank you for keeping me in a somehwat working condition while here. Dwight...thanks for putting up with my beaming and constant cheerfulness, it must have been rough. I wish you all the luck in the world, you deserve it. Lakei, I hope you continue to strive to do your best in whatever you do and hang in there, it'll go by fast. To all you BR's, I'm going to miss you.

Dykes: 1989 - Brian P. Duffy '89
1995 - Lakei C. Evans '95

Benjamin Piper

U.S.M.C./Economics & Business

BA

Hockessin, Delaware

Rat BN Co 1, 2ND BATT Co 1, Color Guard 2, 1ST BSM 2, Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1 Rat Training 3,1(CIC) Int'l Club 4,3,2,1, IHTFP 4,3,2,1, DIBC 4,3,2,1, RDC #1 Club 4, Fun 4,3,2,1,



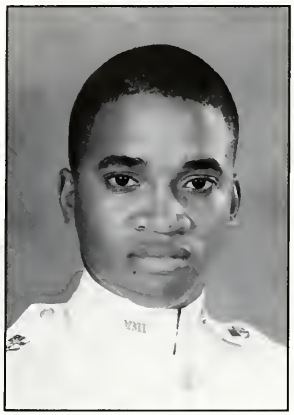


Both good times and not so good times, the memoriess of my four years at the Institute will be with me forever. I want to thank my parents, whom I am in debt to forever and always grateful. Best wishes, success, and happinesss to all Brother Rats. Rooms 176, 165, 167, 169, 181, S56, S58. Alan, Dave, and future Rats, Put out, be Proud, and carry on the Traditions! We are all capable of being whatever we resolve to be.
God Bless and Semper Fi,
Benjamin Andrew Piper
Virginia Military Institute
Class of 1992

Dykes: 1989 - 1985 Bob Ivy
1995 - Alan Dean and Dave Morrison

Henry Steven Pitts

Army/History



Steve

Chesapeake, Virginia

Homesick 4,3,2,1; Drug & Alcohol Committee 2,1; S-5 Staff 1; Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Team Captain 1; Southern Conference Champion; Plt Lt. 1; RMWC Student 3,2,1.



First of all, I must give thanks to God for granting me the many blessings he has given me. I would like to thank my family for all the support and for being there for me. I love you now and always. To me, life without my family would be meaningless. To my girlfriend Jennell, it only gets better with time and I love you a lot. And to my VMI family, I thank for everything and to Coach Trudgeon for sitting in my corner. I wish everyone the very best. Larry, Brian, and Jeff, I love you guys and living with you was the best.

Dykes: 1989 - Charles Anderson
1995 - Tester C.R., Haltom F.A.

Wesley Poff

Air Force/Mechanical Engineering



Cawedge; Cock Boy

Fincastle, Virginia

Varsity Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club; Big Red Club; Promaji Club; Surviving Member Club 250; "The Crew" President 3.



First must thank my father without your strength I would have never made it. The diploma will be as much yours as mine. Lisa, you have given me someone to model myself for thanks for setting a great example. To the men of 250, Dennis, Todd, and Jack, we were the greatest thanks for the memories I'll never forget you guys. Lance and Frank, you are the greatest teammates a guy could ask for. I wish we could have spent played our last season together; I thank God for the times we had. Radar, Fish, and Chips good luck and don't let this place beat you. I believe in you guys you can do it. To Patrick, together we have molded the greatest friendship I have ever known. We were the survivors. Can we keep up the club 250 tradition? We've done it together and I know I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you. Last of all I thank God for the experiences and friendships that V.M.I. had provided.

Dykes: 1989 - Tom Marshal
1995 - William Christopher "Radar"

Lewis Emmanuel Preston

Army/History



Lew P

Boones Mill, Virginia

Rat 4; Promagi Club 4,3,2,1(VP); Pre-Law 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Augmontabon 2,1



I would like to thank God for giving me the health and strength to endure, and my family for its support. To my great-grandmother Zenobia Ashville, I thank you for encouragement of furthering my education. Kenny and Jap, good luck in all of life's future endeavors. Charlie, Percy and Marty, I wish you guys future success and happiness in life. To L.A., Bobby and Jim, hang in there because it will all be over before you know it. Mrs. Davis, thank you for all your kindness. Coaching Staff, thank you for giving me the chance to prove myself as an athlete and person. Kerry, I admire your determination, dedication and hardwork. With respect to me, thank you for being patient. I Love You.
When I started this journey on August 15, 1988, I was a shy young man trying to find myself. Now, I'm a man eager to make a positive contribution to this desperate world.

Peace,
Lewis

Dykes: 1989 - Terrance McMillian
1995 - Robert A. Jones

First and most importantly, to my family-Thanks for accepting less than you were expecting. I love you all more than I have shown. To my roomies, thanks for providing me with years of entertainment worth more than a lifetime supply of free movie coupons. You are strong men to have lived with me for so long. Let's feel groovy forever, shall we. To my rats, you know they say "Dyke like Dyke." I hope that is only true of my good qualities. You have great potential; I've seen it. It's up to you to fulfill it. To the Glee Club, Col & Cpt H., thank you for giving me a place to relax and grow (not to mention the many hours of entertainment that come with singing--both daytime and nighttime). To everyone else who has affected my life and helped me, a simple thanks can't do justice.
I'm convinced these were the best years of life. I will miss you. God, I love you guys. To those I don't yet know, I only hope my time here has made me a man you can respect...A few words to live by--"HOOAH IS IN THE HEART" and "The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time" (help received).

Dykes: 1989 - Eric Ames
1995 - Aaron Buss, Derek Secrist

Johnny Scott Price

Hooahdon training/History

Beluga, Lounge Lizard, UW, etc

McGaheysville, Virginia

Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Ranger Challenge 3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Timmins Society 4,3; Wrestling 4; '08 Oasis





Well, I owe a lot of people for giving me the will and opportunity to make it through this place. I thank God for being there when no one else could be and allowing me the patience to deal with this institute. Second to God, I owe the most of my successes to my parents. Many times the only drive I had to stick it out was to make you proud. You never once told me what to do, but stood behind me and pushed me in anything I choose to do. I love you both. It seems like the longer you are here the more you lose. One thing I knew I would never loose was the support given to me by my Sis.' I'll always owe you Lori, Thanks. Shar, there are many things I could say, but I think I'll just show you and try to be there for you like you have been for me for the past three years!
Sean and Kirk, reckless 484 made it. Good luck to you all in your future. Monk, the road to Radford was long and the ambulance drivers were nozy, but we always made it!..Gulp! And to all you Ruggers, they tried to get rid of us, but we survived once again. Thanks for the grades! Darin and Jas, I set the precedent low, so I know you guys can show me up. Good Luck! Fsst...Haaa!

Dykes: 1989 - Darren Galleo
1995 - Quiter #43

Dean Ramsey

U.S. Marine Corps/Civil Engineering

Deano, Chin, Tadpole

Roanoke, Virginia

Trooper 4,3,2,1; 1st Cpl 3; MSGT 2; XO 1; Rat Attrition Committee 2,1; Secret Society 2,1; Rugby 4,3,2,1 (Co-Captain) Swirly Club 2,1; Library Cadet Assistant 3,2,1 (Head); Bulldog 2; Sub 2.0 Club 3; 81-Club 3,2,1.





When it's the end, where do you begin? I honestly don't know how to sum up my cadetship in 25 short lines. I'm just glad it's over!! The past four years have been a strange mixture of emotions that I would neither relive nor give up for anything. It seems unreal that so much could change in so many in so little of time, we will never be the same as we were when we got here. To my roommates: Thanks for all the times, good and bad. Pete and John...Thanks for my birthday (what I remember...) John, only two of us left. Rick, Don't EVER take any of this serious, it's all just a game that you can't win. To the "Boyz-in-the-Hole," keep the faith, especially those lucky ones that have chosen the profitable civilian path. ($$$!) Too many late nights we spent together for me to ever forget you guys. Hey Nate, you never...my carrol...? Mom and Dad, I hope I made you proud and continue to do so in the future. (you'll see). So now as the last words of my cadetship echo into the future, the sun comes up over this desolate abode (yet another sleepless night), I say farewell. If you need me I'll be easy to find at the bar with the "Three Wise Men. (H.R. Catman)

Dykes: 1989 - 88 "Guy" Gormely
1995 - Richard "PT" Gambrill

Michael Blake Richardson

Navy/Mechanical Engineering

Dick, Tricky, Squirrel, Loser

Richmond, Virginia

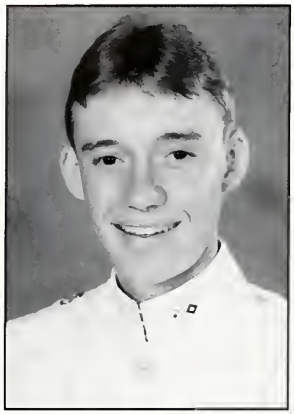
CPL 4,3; CLR SGT 2; C Co Commander 1; Road Runners 1; ASME 2,1; Trident Society 3,2,1; CPB 1(Sec.); Ring Figure Committee 2; Hole Dweller 3,2,1; Land Shark Support Team; IHDDFD Club eternally





Stephen Richardson

Special Student/Computer Science



Stev Rich

Galax, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Sgt. for a day 2; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1; Karate Club 4; Arnold Air Society 4; Unauthorized Car Club 3,2



What can you say about a place you've despised for the past four years? All I can say is that I'm glad I'm leaving. Looking back it's hard to believe how fast the time has flown by. One thing's for sure, I couldn't have made it without the love and support of my family and friends. Thanks to you all. Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. You listened to me gripe and complain, but you always encouraged me to keep going. Thanks for all your support: financial and otherwise. Jason, good luck in your medical pursuits. Heck, you've lived with me for four years, so I know you can handle anything they throw at you in medical school. Lee and Erik, hang tough and work on the grades. Remember, you'll always be rats to me. Good luck to one and all in the class o' 1992.

Dykes: 1989 - Mitch Fridley
1995 - Lee Oppenheim

Lewis Edward Riker

Navy/Mechanical Engineer



Grapeape, Hulkster, Taps, Lou

Haverstraw, New York

Track team 4,3; Conduct Pro 4,2



Well 4 years have come and gone. To some it seems long but to others very short. It only seems like yesterday we were rats. It's been a long road, but a fun one. Our fight to survive this place has kept us going and the strength developed will last forever. There are so many to thank for getting me here. To my "little" big brother Randy; you have stood by me when all others were no where to be found. We have a bond that will last forever, a bond that others dream of having. To Mom and Dad: how you did it I don't know. Sacrificing everything you had to put my butt through this place. It's been hard on my part, but hardest on yours, your the greatest parents anyone could ask for. Most importantly, I thank you God: without you I wouldn't be writing this now. You have strengthened me more than I thought possible. Together we'll take on and conquer the world. Finally, to all my brothers out there, thanks for being there. Remember nothing worth having comes cheap. The greater the pain, the sweeter the victory and greater the strength brother! Never bow down to anything in life, no matter what it is man! Always fight to the end, FEED ON THE PAIN BROTHER!!!

Dykes: 1989 - Joey Jones, Allen Meshaw
1995 - Justin Rubino

Robert Ritchie

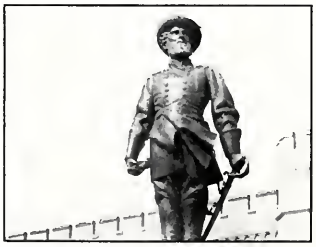
Special Student/History



Ranger

Waynesboro, Virginia

Honor Court 2,1 - Assistant Prosecutor, Senior Voting Member; Rat 4, CPL 3, MSGT 2, B CO XO 1; Roadrunners 3,2,1; Honor Guard 3.



God gave us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true face, and ready hands, Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue and damn his treacherous flatteries without thinking; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking; For while the rabble with their thumb worn creeds. Their large profession and their little deeds Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps. -
Josiah G. Holland
Thank you for the trust.

Dykes: 1989 - Todd Patnesky
1995 - Mike Bernard

Gregory James Robinson

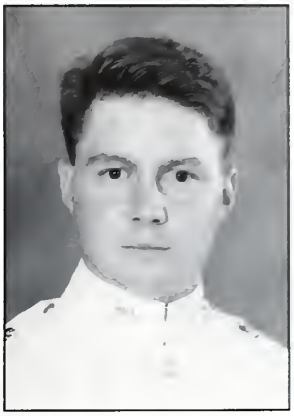
Army/English

Doug, little big man, Popeye

Sacramento, California

Varsity Swimming, Club Water Polo, English Society, Duncan Fan Club, Weekend Travel Club





He who resists the goad is pricked twice -
Old French Proverb

Dykes: 1989 - Matt Ans
1995 - David Doss

Matthew Douglass Robinson

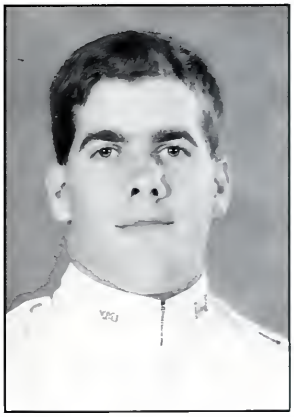
Air Force/Civil Engineering

The Perfect Human

Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

Football 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; AC Stars 3; Corporal 3; ASCE student chapter 2,1; NSPE student chapter 2,1; All-South. Conf. Ac. 3,2,1; PVT 4,2,1





The first class year is finally here and gone, I have mixed feelings about graduation, but the real world awaits all of us. At times the years at VMI have dragged, but now that I'm almost done it just seems like yesterday that the class of 92 had their chins in. How time flies when you're having fun. I thank God for the opportunity to compete athletically and scholastically here at VMI; football and track were a great way to vent my frustrations. I have many people to thank for my accomplishments: First, my family, Mom and Dad you're the greatest, Brett and Randy, I wouldn't be where I am without you both. Second, Nicole, you're like one of the family and I love you, thanks for the letters. I thank Col. Jamison for everything, CE was the best choice I ever made. Chaplain Caudill, you supported me through all my sticky situations. Coach Bozeman, thanks for the confidence boosters. Lastly, good luck to Fitz and Shane. A thought for the future, being an individual is something to be proud of, and shouldn't be criticized. VMI teaches conformity. –

You don't always learn what is taught!–

Dykes: 1989 - Joe Hurley
1995 - B. Savochka J. Constable

Orlando Lxex Robles

Army/Civil Engineering

Flip

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Rugby 4,3,2,1; Midnight Roller 2,1; Rat HTR Club 4,3,2,1; SS Club 4,3,2; Rack Club 3,2,1; Procrastinator's Club 4,3,2,1; IHTFP Club 4,3,2,1; Cinema and Draft Club 3,2,1; Midnight Rappellers 2,1; MS Fan Club



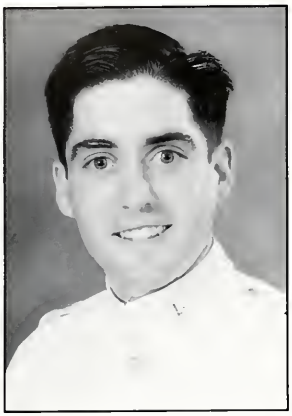


My time in Hell is almost over. It's been a long haul from Rat year and there are many people I'd like to thank but I'll keep it brief. First and foremost my parents and family for putting me through VMI-it's an experience I will never forget. PD, Eric, Marc and Izzy thanks for the great times and the eternal hay down. For the boys in S-56, Morley, Rick, HooRah and Squirrel. You wanted a mission for your sins. God made you live next to us. Happy's flea market will never be the same. For the guys in the sinks, UB,Turner,Ramsey etc., thanks for making the conditions down there "Borderline Sadism" and being my punching bags. I want to thank the makers of Vivarin, Juan Valdez and Jim Beam for seeing me through the late nights at VMI. The rugby club, what can I say, I came to VMI to be an engineer and wind up a hooker. Ramsey, Star, Jabba, Monkey and the rest of the gang HSS-Yaaa RUGBY. Keep Rucking your Rockers. Heaven don't want you and Hell's afraid you'll take over!!!
To my BR's, you know who you are, Vios Con Dio. One last thing, "GC, I don't need no stinkin' GC!!!"

Dykes: 1989 - Sam Callejo
1995 - Leo "Boom Boom" Pambid

Timothy Lawrence Rodriguez

Special Student/Mechanical Engineering



Chi-Chi, Rod, Gwez

Baltimore, Maryland

Soccer 4,3; Trident Society 3; Road Runners 3; Cadet Newspaper 2,1 (EIC); ASME 3, 2, 1; Timmins Society 2,1; Sgt 2, Lt 1, Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K Club 3, 2; Barracks Cable Club 1 Cadet Assistant 2,1



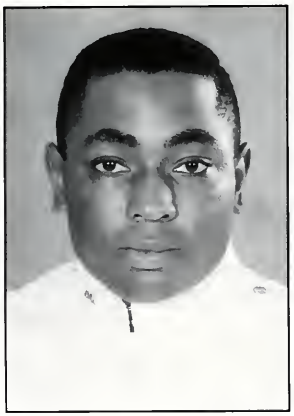
Not a day passes without contemplating if this rugged stature will ever have any bearing on my future. I thought I would never continue. However, with the help of my family and the truest of friendships that have been made, I have weathered the journey well. I cannot accept the distinction of being a VMI man without acknowledging the guidance and instruction that has been afforded me by my family and friends.

I thank my parents. Their love and patience has helped me in more ways than they will ever know. I love you both. Then there is my older brother Eddie '89, whose guidance has helped me through VMI. To my younger brother Christopher, thanks for your insight and understanding. Some of the most cherished attributes that a cadet leaves with, are his friendships. Without them the VMI experience would be much less rewarding. I thank: Nature-Rich-Scotty-Will- larry-Marc-Pez-Jimbo-Curtis Bubba-Todd-Alex-Chris-Carney-Hurd-Jerry-Howee-Nate, and everyone else who I have been fortunate enough to meet. Last but not least, thank you Evelyn (my VMI mom).

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Sullivan
1995 - Jon Paxton

Dwayne Ross

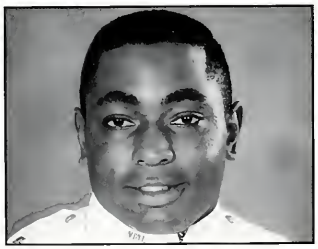
special student/History



Jap, Badger

Clifton Forge, Virginia

Varsity Football 1,2,3,4; Promaji Club 1,2,3,4;



Well, the last four years has been hell but at the same time I have had a lot of fun. I must give thanks to God for granting me the many blessings he has given me. The biggest blessing he has given me is my two loving parents. Without them, I would not have made it to this point. To every member of the class of 1992 you all have made a great impact on me. To my rat roommates without you guys I would not have made it through the rat line much less the last four years. My first class roommates, Kenny (dog), Johnson and Lewis Preston you have been with me the last three years as roommates and I know the future holds great things for you both. Remember to always hold on to your dreams. For me, that is President of the World!!! Well, See You Later, Bye.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Wood, Bob Harris
1995 - Timmy Williams

George L. Ross

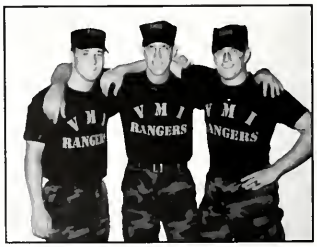
Army/History



Boss, Jorge

Unionville, Missouri

Ranger Challenge 3,2; Ranger Platoon 3,2; Tanker Plt 1; Glee Club 1; Sentinels 1; Timmons Society 3,2,1; Headbanger 4,3,2,1; Abba in Chains 1



Love/Hate-This aptly describes my relationship with VMI. Part of my love for VMI stems from its uniqueness. I can undoubtedly say that VMI is a world within a world, where a cadet is put through adversities sent to try men's souls. This is where the Hate enters the picture. VMI wasn't designed to be fun, and the powers that be do their best to make sure it isn't. After all is said and done, though, I will never regret the choice I made in coming here. I will always treasure the memories that the Institute has put forth, both the good and the bad, and feel assured that I am leaving this place a better man, in body, mind, and spirit.

Dykes: 1989 - Will Oxtoby
1995 - Mike Cichorz

Bryan Saunders

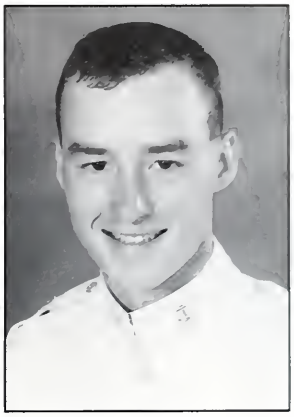
Special Student/Computer Science

Scooter; Red; Doc; Saundee

Marion, Virginia

Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track 4,3; Band 1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Academic Pro 4,3,2,1; Summer School Ranger 5,4,3,2,1; Consumption Club 5,4,3,2,1...; Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1; Sabbatical 2;





I came, I saw, I got my ass kicked... This place has been pure hell, and I don't think it's going to change. Many thanks go out, first to my mom and dad. You always had good things to say... i.e. At least you didn't fail everything... To my roommates who were the only three that kept me sane. Fries, take good care and pick your women carefully... and I mean carefully... Dick, I guess the same thing could apply to you, but have fun in Seal Otter school. Al, we were the twins of the class, and I don't think I would've done it differently. You wouldn't have done anything right if it hadn't been for me. To all those who picked our room, 124, for rear entry in barracks remember those whom you woke up late at night... just remember; To all the girls who missed me!@##$%

Dykes: 1989 - Andy Hoofnagle
1995 - Andy Johnson

Edward Alan Saunders

Army Spcl. Std. HUAH/Civil Engineering

AL, BIG AL, SQUIRELLI, BUDMAN

Marion, Virginia

Private 3,2,1; Ac Pro 3; Redneck 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1; NEB loser 4,3,2,1; Absent 3,5; The Barnes 4,3,2,1; The Palms(Petey) 4,3,2,1





Well, finally a first classman. I have many fond memories of college; endless nights in NEB studying (not), Sat. nights pounding the New Courtyard in class-dyke with arms, then pounding the Palms after all the checks. After an extended Christmas furlough third class year, I returned without a brother to the best Ring Figure the "I" has ever seen. To my roomies brother Bry, Dick, Zero, Toddles, and Fries: my best. To every chick that ever dissed me at the Palms: my worst. To the PX for always increasing the price of dip: worse.
To my parents for their neverending support, I'll always love you. To Smith Hall, I'll always Hate you!
This year Bryan and I are finally together again trying to make up the past year and looking forward to yet another next year. (Dyke like Dyke) The bonds I have made with Brother Rats and friends will remain with me always. If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't, but if I did, I'd study more and spend less time at Sem, and more time at the Palms (Petey). To all of the 5 year BR's, See ya next year! Favorite phrases, " Bone Yourself... ", " You didn't fail too bad." Master, James Beam.

Dykes: 1989 - Thomas James Williams
1995 - Ninja Scotty Jewell

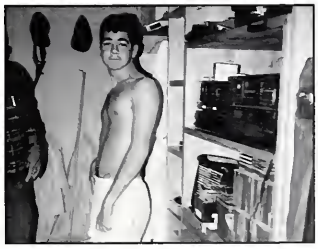
Robert S. Schonberger

Special Student/Modern Language

Elvis, Schlein

Springfield, Virginia

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Guidon/Lt 1; AUSA 4; Commanders 4, 3; Dean's List 2; Water Polo 2; Martial Arts 1; Conduct Pro 4, 1 (x2); Cinema '61 3,2,1; Progressive Music Club 3,2; Shenendoah Deutschverein 2; Ja Society 2,1





True to form, I am typing this at the last possible minute. Looking around the infamous "Bomb" Room, I see my BR's struggling to express, in words, the VMI experience. All the stories, meaningless except to those who survived, make our personal hell bearable. Shifting through what seems like a lifetime of memories, most of which have been mercifully repressed, I still find it impossible to answer the ever-present, "So, why did you go to VMI?" Well, I have seen it was not the education, the atmosphere, nor the discipline. What I did find was the friendship and personal honor that only VMI men can ever hope to understand. For those that matter, words are not necessary nore expected (I hope), for they are too numerous to credit here. To my roommates, permanent rather than transient, what can I say but, "Thanks for remaining you and keeping me–me." Infinite thanks to my family, especially my parents, for the infinite love and support every step of the way, through the laughter and the tears. After being thrown into the Ratline maelstrom that fateful August day, I still question.

Dykes: 1995 - Johnnie (BD) Hopkins

Anthony Sexton

Air Force/English



Tony

Colonial Heights, Virginia

Religious Affairs Committee 3,2,VP 1; Golf Co. XO 1; Private 4,3,2; Rat Training 3,2,1 Rapelling CIC 2; Rugby 3; OCF 4,3,2,1; English Society 1; Cadet Assistant 2,1



If I did nothing else here at VMI, I can at least say I grew up. It was never easy, and too often-painful. I could sit here and say that I did this all on my own, but that would not be true. I could have never made it through without the strength of the Lord, through the love of my family, and a few wise words from Chap. To the McMurdo's and the Howe's, I am forever in your debt. Melanie, not only did you make my last two years of college better than I thought possible, you gave me a best friend. Dan, I do not think I would have made it without you there during the rough times. Jay, your goofy smile always seems to get me through the week. Matt, even though it took three years, I am glad you finally figured out Saturday nights are not for studying. You all are the reason I made it.

"...Take kindly the counsel of years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth...You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should..." Max Ehreman- "Desiderata," Proverbs 3:5

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Joern
1995 - Travis Perry, Kipp Averet

Clinton Christopher Seybold

Army/History



Taz, C.C., Troll, Seamonster

Mt. Carmel, Illinois

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Swim Team 4,3; (SLI) Platoon 2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 1; Theater 4,3,2,1; English Society 1; Southern Gentleman 3,2,1; Social Blunder 4,3,2,1!



"Whatever our individual reasons for coming to VMI it was our common pride and determination that kept us here during our troubled times when we questioned our enrollment. In this we are all brothers. I would like to thank my family, dyke, BR's, and all my friends I have known in my keydetship for all that they have done for me. I took pride in myself because of them and as a result I was determined never to embarrass them or shake their faith in me. I would also like to thank my roommates of the past three years for making my keydetship interesting, and to include my rat roommates whom I lived with for a year; our time together was short, but we are brother rats forever. I entered VMI a scared young boy and I exit a man ready to pursue the life of a gentleman, for VMI does not make gentlemen, that is a lifetime goal, but I can think of no better place to start. Of my father and grandfather, whom I greatly admire, I ask for their blessing. To my loving family goes my devotion. To my dyke, Buck, I say stick with it kid. And most importantly to the class of92, and to all who wear, or will wear the Ring, I wish Good Luck and God Bless!

Dykes: 1989 - Stephen Mark Joern
1995 - James Elliot Harbuck

William Robert Sharp Jr.

Army/Economics & Business



Wild Bill, Robo, Stars & Bars

Hampton, Virginia

Ranger HUA 3,2; 1st Cpl; Reg Cpl; RSM; 1st Cpt; Steph 4,3,2,1; Airborne; Air Assault; Roadrunners 1; Color Guard 3,2; Tanker PLT 1; M.C. Marathon 26.2



I could never recount all of the good times I've had at VMI. I truly love this wretched place. Graduation this May will be glorious, yet I will always miss the friends I've made. We chose "the road less traveled," and it hasn't been easy. Even still, I wouldn't trade the past four years for anything.

Many people have helped me survive this experience; I love you all for your devotion. Mom, Dad, Stephanie, B.R.'s: and of course Team 123: I could always count on y'all to be there when I needed. Thank you.

Life is what you make of it, and so is VMI. I've leaned alot this year about our system and the various forces acting upon it ... perhaps too much. If you let the little things bother you, then you can never really enjoy your cadetship. In spite of all the negative factors of VMI, the institute has a great deal to be proud of. It's important that you seek out the positive and reinforce it in your mind in order to be truly happy. God Speed.

Dykes: 1990 - Spitz
1995 - Kayce Kraft

Peter A. Shea

Navy/History-French

"Sweet Pete"

Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

Hop/Floor 4; Bomb 4; Big Red 3,2; Eng Soc 2; Trident Soc 2; Volleyball 2,1; OGA 1; Virgin Pvt





Well there are no words of wisdom here, nothing to base one's life philosophy on. It's been 4 long years of trials, tribulations and parties. Over-all I guess it was worth it, and I have a lot of people to thank for making it that way. To the Palms crew: Dick, Brian, Dan, Zack and Al(coholic)- your voices sounded so wonderful even when your faces weren't too clear. To Jim and my other roommates, thanks for keeping life interesting. Then to Courtney- the guy who was able to give me 4 years of grief and keep me laughing all the time he did it, thanks for being one of the greatest friends a guy could ask for. And finally to Mom, Dad and the rest of the clan- thanks for always being there with an open ear or words of advice. Thanks for everything.
Hey Homer- remember that if "we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane." (Buffett)

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Masley
1995 - Tom "Homer" Brashears

Daniel L.P. Shipley

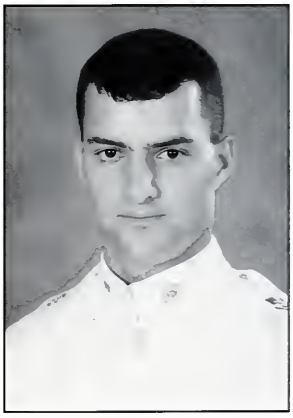
U.S.M.C./Economics & Business

Dan, Ship, Shipster

Summit, New Jersey

Honor Court 1; Religious Affairs Committee 3,2,1(CIC); Rugby 3; Lacrosse 4; OCF 4,3,2,1; Chap's Bible Study 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 1; Cpl 3; Plt Sgt 2; BN S-5 Lt. 1; M-W 1





Well, Mom and Dad, I'm done and I owe the most to you. You have shown me the importance of family through your unconditional love and support. Thank you for your patience and prayers these past four years. I love you more than I could express. Christiane and Alix - my wonderful sisters. Thank you for sharing the experiences with me. I look up to you both for your steadfast faith. Don't ever change! Uncle Antoine - I will always miss you. Chap & Mrs.C-You were there when I really needed it. God Bless You. Dyke-I'm proud of you. Hang tough! And finally, my 3 roommates - Tony-Switzerland doesn't have enough cheese to compare with you. Matt-I know how disappointed you were-I think gold stripes would have looked good on you too. Jay-When you empty pitchers, you're not supposed to fill them back up again! I couldn't imagine VMI without you three as roommates. I've learned alot from you and treasure the past three years together. You guys are the best. To everyone - keep your sights focused on the Lord and never underestimate His love!

Dykes: 1989 - John Banigan
1995 - Jay Ferriola

Christopher Smith

Option???/Civil & Environmental Eng.

Smitty Schmitmizer

Richmond, Virginia

Cadre 4,3,2,1; Rat Training Cadre 3; Spec. Student 3,2,1; Waterpolo 4,3; Summer School 3,2; RDC 2,1(V.P.); Dweller of the Hut 2,1; Immune to JABBA 1



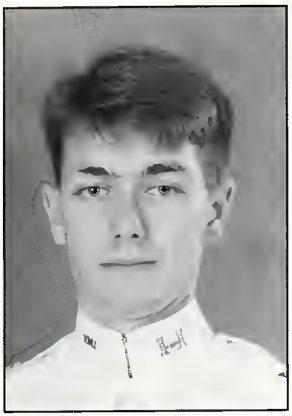


What can be said? All I can say about my experience at this hole I'm glad it's almost over, I think? Rat year was an experience. To my Rat roommates I wish you the best. I know we had our differences but it wasn't all that bad. Ah the Hut, the Hurd monster and Bulkin (keep eating that banana nut bread baby), Little Man good luck with 93 I'll be thinking about your misery. Rhett, you Hill Billy, the DEAD and Metallica will never mix, believe it or not I do realize that. Jabba, I hope your wife (yea Right) has the ability to forgive! Just kidding, it's been an experience buddy. Good luck in whatever you decide to do. Brother Nate, I love you buddy. You've been a good friend and easy to talk to. Later on HUT! Hey Don keep that FIRE under control! To my dykes I will extend Don Juan's advice, relaxation is the key to long life, good luck guys. Annalisa, eventhough I told you it was bad luck, I LOVE YOU, and your sanity in an insane world. Mom, Dad, Lesli, Laura, and Lisa, words can't say how much you mean to me. I couldn't have made it without you. I Love you all.

Dykes: 1989 - Dan "Don Juan" Baker
1995 - Brett Matthews Fred Bates

Dwight David Smith

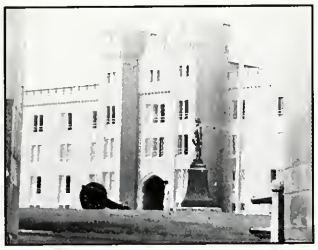
Air Force/Electrical Engineering



Schmugo,Schumg Boy, Abe, Stick

Smicksburg, Pennsylvania

I.E.E.E. 3,2(Treas),1; S.L.E.E. 4,3,2,1; CWRT 4; Martial Arts Club 1; Rm 721 Study Club 3,2; CHHL 2,1



During my four years at VMI it felt like eternity just to go from one year to the next, with all the work and studying. Now as I look back it seems just like yesterday that I came here. Though I have matured and grown during my years here. I will never forget those hard times when nothing went my way, at those times I have my parents and friends to thank for helping me through and having faith in me. To my parents, sister, and grandparents thank you very much, I love you a lot. During my years at VMI I have made many friends and memories that I will remember always. Chris, you were a great roommate, and even though you did not show it all the time you do have a sense of humor and I will miss it, Good luck in the Marines. Finally, to SLEE (Mark,Ron,&Rhett) thanks for helping me through life at VMI by always finding a way to make me forget about all my problems. Thanks for all your help in getting me through E.E.; with all the late night study (bull) sessions. THanks and Good luck. To all those who think I have forgotten them, I haven't, there is just not enough room to mention you all, thanks for all your help.

Dykes: 1989 - Todd A. Hooks
1995 - Michael S. Johnson

Steven David Smith

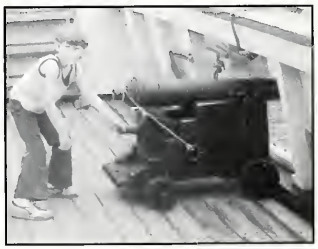
Army/Mechanical Engineering



The Bear, Middlesized Smith

Fancy Gap, Virginia

Rat; Ranger Plt; 3rd Nothing but Fail; Martial Arts 2,1; OGA 1



So after 4 years I'd like to finish by saying a couple of things. Thanks mom, dad and little sister for being there during the rough times when this place was not exactly rosey. Thanks to all my friends here, Old Foxtrot especially. Doug, its a shame we will be going different ways shortly, hope we stay in touch. Jim M, Colorado was not #1. Lee, Get off the P.T., Brandtner, keep assuming smoke. Keev, AJ, good luck. Well Wyatt and Rick, its been different, Good Times & Bad Times, we all had our share. But the newly renovated CAVE is the finishing touch. Good luck Werth. So after numerous doubting instances, let me say I wouldn't change a thing.

Dykes: 1989 - Bob Bradford
1995 - Fred - Spearchucker - Werth

Edward Marr Snyder

Air Force/Business & Economics



Martain Marshmellow, Big Ed

Brooke, Virginia

Private 4,2,1; Corporal 3; BSU 3,2; Society of Regimental S-7s 1; Concourse Dweller 1; VMI-MBC Land- Speed Record Club 3,2,1; CRC 3,2,1; CWRT 1; "AFTER TAPS" 3,2,1



I can't believe its over...well almost. Its been a hell of an uphill struggle, but I've made it. Looking back on these past four years I can see just how much that I've grown. (I'm certainly not the scared, long-haired kid that matriculated in August of '88 anymore.) I'm amazed by what I've learned in such a short time. It's time to move on now and see if I can put it to good use. Its your turn now Scott. Make me proud.

I've gotten a lot of help to survive this place. There are so many people to thank. First, Tom and MC, for convincing me to come. Tony, for providing me with a "big" shoulder to lean on. Shmeve, for showing me how to have fun and get away with it! (Not to mention bringing Fancy to Zolliers!) Tina and Wally, for your love and support. Mom and Dad, I know we've had our hard times, but thanks for your love, prayers, understanding, and encouragement. (Not to mention MONEY!) Without you I'd have never made it. Last but not least...Thanks Nancy, I love you. (Besides whats a good Southern officer, without a truly Darling Southern Belle?)

Dykes: 1989 - Tony McCants
1995 - Scott Garber

Edmund Sobieray

U.S.M.C./Mechanical Engineering

Cromag, Big Ed, Sober-rat

Media, Pennsylvania

Roadrunners, 3,2,1; Summer School Stud, 4,3,2; ASME, 2,1; HLAA, 2; WOOP, 1; Captain's Chair, 3,2,1; Casper's Friend, 2; IHTFP, always, Stress Monger, always; Secret Society, 1





Well, here it is! I can't believe it. I never thought it would get here and at the same time, I couldn't tell you where all the time has gone. Every day here is an eternity, but when you look back, you wonder where it all went. Isn't that the way it always is?
First Mom and Dad - Thanks for all the support. Especially the $$$. You never did turn your back on me even when I should have been out on my ear. I did get my head screwed ono straight...I think. Next, Dan, John, and John - Why did you ever put up with me? You guys went through a second RAT LINE with my stress. Thank you. You kept me sane even when I didn't show it. I owe you one. It's Miller Time!!! Don't worry, McDonald's will always be hiring. I love you guys, Ring! WOOP! For all of the M.E.'s, Thank you too. I'm sure my diploma will have HELP RECEIVED on it. All of those 4 and 5 o'clock A.M. nights better pay off!! Dykes - Good Luck!
To the VMI Foundation, don't call me, I'll call you.
Sign me out,
Ed

Dykes: 1989 - Paul Valenzuela

David Soldow

Navy/Electrical Engineering

Homegrown

Reston, Virginia

Rat, Cpl, Sgt, FCP; Cadre 3,2; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Stars 1; VPO 2; Tutor 3,2,1; IEEE 3,2,1; TBP 2,1; EKN 2,1 VMIES 3,2; VMIIS 3; VMISC 3,2,1; Roadrunners 1; BOHICA 4,3,2,1





Vice can be found in plenty and with ease; she lives hard by, and smooth is the road to vice; but sweat the gods have placed in front of virtue - Plato
Of my 1000-odd days at VMI I can't remember a single one that I didn't sweat. From being a rat, to a $%#@-eating third, to a ring wearer, to a graduating First, there seemed to be a new emergency every day. And now, as I prepare to trade my uniform for a sheepskin and a strip of Navy gold, I can finally lean back and smile. I have become what I resolved to be ... a VMI man. But before I go ... to my parents, I cannot begin to express my love for you. I am honored to be your son now and forever. To my roomies, you guys are the best. From Tequila Suprise, to OCS, to Roanoke, we always had a good time. To everybody else, I'll never forget any of you for as long as I live. Goodbye farewell & Amen.

Dykes: 1989 - Kevin Leamy
1995 - Lyold Talifferro, Gavin Bruno

Michael Carroll Starling

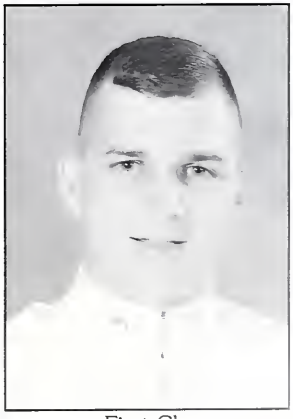
U.S. Marine Corps/History, Rugby

Mutant, Star

Woodbridge, Virginia

Rugby 4,3,2(match sec.),1(capt.); Meatboys 3,2,1; Bushwackers 3,2,1; Hotel 4, Dean's Other List 4, VMI Firestarter 4; All pro 3, Color Sgt. 2 VRU Select Side 2,1; RDC 1, Semper Fi Soc. 1; "Raquetball Cdt. Asst"



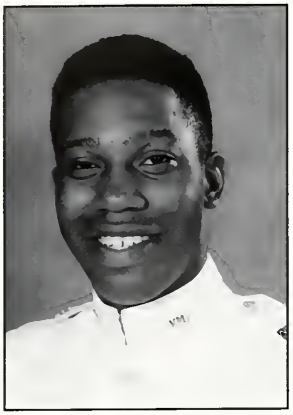


I have no one to thank for my accomplishments here at VMI, no one but me. Actually, I have many people to thank. First and foremost I'd like to thank my folks and two brothers for their outstanding support throughout the last four years. Chris and Phill "We're awesome..." Much credit and thanks also goes to my roommates, Bob and Neil. Bob-Thanks for the four great years, we couldn't have done much better! Neil-glad you joined us ... when you came back early for cross country! Doc-can't thank you enough! Others responsible for my survival-Ogre-rugger, Hump-ski patrol, Tedd and Phil-Team Marlboro, Flippy-let's retire, Marc and Dean, Neal, and Zulu, Bryan-fellow Summer Scholar, Dan-we'll make it, Frey-guy and Monkey, guys in rooms 123, 152, S-58, Fuji and the rest of the rugby malcontents-thanks for all the road trips and the spuds! Best of luck!
Class of '92-congratulations and best of luck.

Dykes: 1989 - CC Cayce, RK Jones
1995 - Joe Garnett

Harold A. Stills

Navy/Mechanical Engineering



Opus

Montpelier, Virginia

Band 4,3,2,1; VMI Theater 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3; Promaji 3,2,1; VMI Gospel Choir 1; VMI Commanders 1; Room 47 Brawl Team 3,2,1;



Well fellas, it's been fun for me. I don't think that another group of guys could be closer. Mike and John,-the last three years have been the best. You're the ones my parents always warned me about. I have to thank my parents. Thanks for believing in me and not giving up on me. Most kids wouldn't have gotten the chance that you two have given. I'll never forget what you have given to me, the most important experience of my life. I really do hate to see my BR's go, but all good things come to an end. God be with all of you, and don't forget to visit those of us on the extended plan. Peace my brothers. Amy, thanks for sticking with me.

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Peyton
1995 - Matt Kremple

Allen Stone

Navy/History/Business



Stony, Rooster

Norfolk, Virginia

S-6 LT.; Baseball 4,3,2,1 (Captain); FCA 4,3; Promaji 4; Circle K 3,2,1 (President); Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Canterbury Club 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2



Well, Mom and Dad I did it. When I left home on Aug. 16, '88, many laughed and said we will see you in a couple of weeks. But I proved them wrong. My four years at VMI have taught me a valuable lesson that I will never forget. It taught me that no matter how tough things may get, the suppression that I have experienced at VMI will prepare me for every hardship that I may endure upon graduation. My first weeks here I wondered if I would actually walk away from this place with anything of great value. I no longer wonder, for the love and friendships that I have gained will remain with me for a lifetime. I would like to say to the E-man that one day we may be in some deep @#%& but JG will be going HOT! To all the supporting members of my life: my dad, my mom, my brother, and grandmother. Thank you for all you love and guidance. If it were not you all I would not be here today. I would like to thank Bill, Geoff, and Carney for an enjoyable two years. My only regret is that my Grandfather was unable to watch my first parade as a VMI cadet. I would have loved to see a smile on his face instead of a tear in my eye. One day we will go fishin' again.

Dykes: 1989 - Gary Sabiyan, Andy Tunnard
1995 - Joey Schenk, Jamie Lowe

James Banister Stone IV

Navy SS/USMCR/History



Fathead, Perma-grin, Jim

Wytheville, Virginia

Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, B Co. XO 1; Cadre 2; Swim Team 4; Water Polo 3,2,1; USMCR 1; Virginia Gentleman Born and Bred.



It is very difficult for me to sit and write only thirteen lines or more of history that should be written as a multi-volumed series of books. I guess I will just stick to the "thank yous" and "good-byes" to the many people who have helped me through this prison term here at the "I." First, let me thank my mom and dad for putting up with my countless bills and demands during my four year stay here. Without you two I would not have made it. Next, I would like to thank my brothers John and Mark for their support: John, for a safe haven at Hampden-Sydney where I could blow off steam and Mark who would always be around to talk to and give me a little moral support. Finally, a BIG thanks and good luck in the future goes to the "brothers" of 172: Ron, Mark, and Tommy. Stay mello fellas, the Fathead is outta here!! Oops, I can't forget the dykes! Good luck Benji and Ken. You are my legacy, don't let me down!

Dykes: 1989 - T. J. Williams
1995 - Benji Bird, Ken Cole

William Joseph Stone Jr.

USMC/Spanish

Lone Wolf, Panama Jack

Prince George VA, Virginia

Jennifer 4.3.2.1; PLC-USMC 4.3.2.1; PLT LT 1; Sabre Fencing 2.1; Glee Club 4.3; Conduct Pro 3; VTECH Midnight Run 4.3.2.1





Vine Vide Vinci. I have fought a battle for four years and now in the aftermath I raise my hands to Heaven and proclaim victory. Sweet, exhausted victory. For long ago I planted myself indomitably on my instincts and will and there did abide. And it feels damn good to be triumphantly done. JENNIFER- You are my lady and my life. Ever loving, ever faithful, and ever understanding. Come, my work here is done. Let us go drink of the nectar of life. I LOVE YOU!!! MAMA- Love, nurture, and support. No man could ask for a greater inspiration for a mother. I love you. Thank you for teaching me to be a warrior early in llife. WILL- Adios amigo. Three years is only the beginning of a lifelong friendship. May the road rise to meet you my friend. JOSE- May I have been a wise mentor. Success is the transformation of wise ideas into deliberate action. Special thanks to Sen. Elmon T. Gray and Mr. J W Enochs. Thank you Uncle Earl and Aunt Dottie for your support. Fred Jackson and Wayne Darrington-Peace. In closing, "Death is as light as a feather, duty as heavy as a mountain." God Bless.

Dykes: 1989 - Van Trumpore
1995 - Jose "Suave" Pinilla

Paniwat Subrungruang

Royal Thai Army/Electrical Engineering

Sub, Subway, Boomer, Boomerang

Nonthaburi Thailand,

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Dean's List 3.2.1; Tau Beta Pi 2.1; Eta Kappa Nu 1;(VP) International Club 4.3.2.1





Finally, I've made it here. Time passed by very fast, it seems like yesterday I just matriculated and never thought about today. In all of my time in the United States, I spend almost all of it here at VMI. The Institute is like my second home. Even though it is a lonely place, it has it own warmth that I can always feel and I will miss a lot. This place makes me grow up a lot and taught me how to help myself in bad circumstances. But there is no party that does not have an end. Class of 92 leaves and now it's up to the younger class to do your best and make VMI the best it can be. For all the underclass cadets from Thailand, I wish you all the best of luck, keep hanging in there, brothers. All of us have made it, and so will you. I would like to thank my mom and dad that got me this far, and I think my diploma should be a good present for you all. I also want to thank my dyke and every "brother" Thai cadet, the military attache officers, NCOs, and their families, Mr&Mrs Mapunya, Mr & Mrs Marks, and everybody that helped me made it here, without you all I don't know where I would be now. Thank you very much. Good bye, the "I," I love you.

Dykes: 1989 - Michael M. Humes
1995 - Kumthorn Kirt, Wichit Sai

Darrell S. Swanigan

Special Student/Mechanical Engineering

Swany

Abingdon, Virginia

Rodent 1, Crpl 3, Plt. Sgt 2, Reg Color Sgt 2, Plt Lt 1; ASME 3.2.1; RDC 1; ICC 3.2; In the hole 3.2; In the dungeon 4.1; CLUB 192





O.K., 4 what it's worth... Jonesy & Rich - How did we do it? I will never understand how 3 people so different got along so well. You R my roommates, friends, and brothers. Need I say more? Chris (The Keeve) - here's 2 killing a few bears!! U R 1 of the most dedicated individuals I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Good luck bud; I know U will go far. Hey Chet! - W Y D! We did it, right? Hey 190! - `SPOON!!' Todd - Pass N review! Don (Natas), Mike, & the boys from the hole - Your friendship & guidance will not B forgotten. Pay off time fellas!! As 4 Mike Z., Jake, & the M.E.s I leave behind - Keep plugging; it might B worth it. 2 Joe, my closest friend & confidant - Words R not enuf. As 4 my rats - Stand 4 what U R guys. Nothing lasts 4ever. 2 Mom & Dad - Thanx guys. Live, Love, Learn & Change. Thank U Chele & Dave 4 late night talks & all of the support. Congratulations & good luck 2 all of my B.R.s... Here I go again.

Dykes: 1989 - Big Al Ratliff
1995 - Adam Harr

Andrew Jordan Tate

U.S. Marine Corps/History



MARS

Tabb, Virginia

Cpl 3; Regt S-3 Sgt 2; Regt S-3 1; OCF 4,3,2,1; Scouters club 4,3,2,1 Pres; Semper Fi Society 1; Soccer 4; Wrestling 4,3,2; Bulldog 2; VPO 2; Baldwin Weekend Club 3,2,1; Leper Society 2,1.



"This is Big Brother protective and all wise, the face of Mars himself, but there was no evil in him, only strength and the stern sense of duty." Alan Moorehead

To My parents I owe a great deal of thanks. There are no greater parents than you Mom and Dad. Thank You for the encouragement and letting me make the decisions. To the guys of 41 Lough, Will, Jason, and Andy it was fun even if we stayed up late talking and complaining. To Dave and Jason - you guys put up with a lot of my stuff, how you two survived I will never know. Thanks for keeping me sane these last three years. I will never forget you guys and yes Dave you can have Hay Down as much as you want now. To my brother I have to say next time tell me the whole story but at least I can say I made it to the end and I got what I wanted. Just remember I got the last hit, see you in the fleet. To my BR's well we finally made it and know we can be the ones who can complain about his country club. Finally to Milli, thank you for your never ending support these last three years and I hope we can have more years to come. I love you and always will. Semper Fi

Dykes: 1989 - Daniel E. Schnock
1995 - John F. Stann, Gavin Bruno

Marshall Carney Taylor Jr.

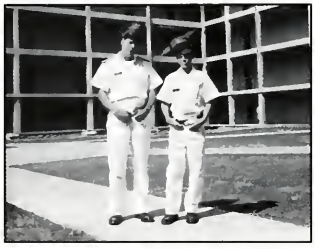
Army/English



Toast, Ho-Chi-Min

Washington, North Carolina

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; S-5 counselor 2,1; Wrestling 4; Indoor Soccer 3; Canterbury Club 4,3,2,1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1; English Society 4,3,2



It is impossible to express all of my experiences at VMI in words. However, "it was the best of times and the worst of times" and now...it is finished.

AMEN

Thank you all who nurtures me to this sweet moment. (Dad, Mom, David, Melissa, DOC, Bill, Geoff, & Allen)

Dykes: 1989 - Patrick Becker
1995 - Mark Hagan, Kurt Polk

Michael Teates

Navy/Civil Engineering



Warrenton, Virginia

ASCE; NSPE; Semper Fi Society; Scuba Club; Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1;



It's hard to believe came here four years ago just a high school graduate and am leaving as a man, an engineer, and an officer in the U.S. Navy. I will never forget the ratline, my dykes, my brother rats, and my mentors. Although I have not enjoyed my times at the Institute, I know that I am a much better man from my experiences and I will always be proud of the Institute. I want to thank my roommates, Tom, (my twin,) and Tim, my good friends George, Larry, Doug, and Ben, my professors and officers who have helped me through these four years. I especially want to thank my family for their love and support throughout the years. "I'VE SPENT MY TIME IN HELL!"

Dykes: 1989 - Jon Davis
1995 - Kamthorn Kirtthampi and Chris Wills

Shannon Terhune

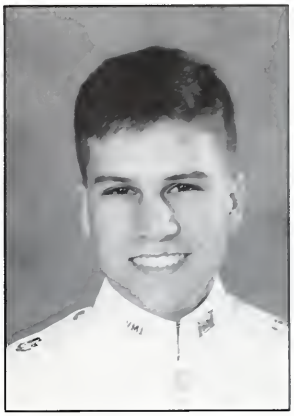
Navy/Electrical Engineering

Snappy, Tergoon

Rochester, New York

Dazed & Confused 4;CPL 3; OPS SGT 2;BATT S-1 1; Air Force 4,3;NAVY 2,1;Navy Nuc Want-to-be 3,2; Nuc 1; Soccer 4; IEEE 2,1; Dean's list 4,3; senioritis 2,1;out-of-here 1...





"It's a great place to be from, but the worst place to be at." Who can say it better? It was the friends I've made along the way who have made it all worthwhile. To room 335, 235 & 148. Who else would be able to stay with the 5 of us for 3 years in a row? BOB, KEITH, GNETTO & STINKLEY there is no other place in the world where 5 people w/ 5 different opinions can all be right. So many good times, so many bad times, we will have a lot to talk about at our class reunions. To the dungeon... Sometimes we studied, but there was always something crazy going on. Rich (THE CLUB) & Byron stay away from the power lab. We sure got a lot of work done on Friday night, NOT. Rich-what happened to the way it was as 3rds? I guess we forgot how to study because it has been a downhill slide ever since. GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE 92 EE's. BYRON where are you? JASON P. keep up the good work. You have a great start. Give it 100% and you will never fall short....

Dykes: 1989 - Joe Grealish
1995 - Jason Pifer

Mark Carroll Thackston

Army/Econ & Bus./Spanish Minor

Big T, Bird, Thackelson

South Boston, Virginia

Class Treasurer 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 3,2; Corporal 3; Reg S-2 Sgt 2; 1st BN S-5 1; Drug and Alcohol Committee 3,2; Circle K 1(VP); Corps Representative to Lexington Comm. Council 2;1; VMI RARO Softball 1





I might not have realized it then, but in the winter of 1988, I made the best decision of my life; VMI over JMU and William and Mary. No other school could have such a positive impact on my life. What an education I have received; the Honor System, Rat Training, Army Training, the financial preparation for Ring Figure 92, and academics. The many challenges have brought me much satisfaction and self-confidence. I know VMI has prepared me not only for law school, but any other challenge I will face in the future. I must thank my entire family for the support they have given me. Mom and Dad, we've had many great weekends (I'll never forget those depressing Sunday nights of going back to school.) Thank you for all the love and support. MAC, ANDY, JON, and ED- I'll just say it was great living with you guys. Mac, I hope you get out of Pulaski and get a DOOLEY! Andy, the best of luck with you and Sherri H- I'll never forget you, bud. Jon, I know I'll see you on the Ironman competition in the future. Beef and Mark, just as Jay Lawson did his best for me, I've done everything I could to prepare you for VMI. Farewell to my BR's and VMI.

Dykes: 1989 - Jay Lawson
1995 - Scott Bosiger, Mark Womble

Thomas Charles Timmes

Army/Civil Engineering

Mike, McFly

Alexandria, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Plt.Sgt. 2, Co. S-2 Lt. 1; Diving team 4; Coach Duncan Fan Club 4; Cadre 2; Ranger Challenge 2; Ranger Plt. 2,1; Laurie 4,3,2,1; DMS; ASCE; NSPE (V.P.); Tau Beta Pi; Airborne 2,1; Enviro Dungeon 2,1





As a senior in highschool, I said I wanted to go to a college where I wouldn't have any fun. VMI certainly made that desire a reality! However, the benefits derived far outweigh the time and efforts expended. I've accomplished too much to doubt that VMI was the right choice for me. No other school could have provided the ceaseless challenges and constant stress I've learned to thrive on here at VMI. These four years, however, have not been journeyed alone. Tim, my roommate for 4 years, you've been a true Brother Rat ever since our nose-bleed days on the 5th stoop. Mike (my fun-loving evil twin), will we ever be safe from that damn physics/statics/concrete monkey? I'll never forget the Bahamas, those damn fluids labs, and late night studying in the chemical room. Bo Bosetti - an inspiration as well as a brother-in-law! Thanks for showing me the right way to do things. Mom and Dad, who gave me support when everything seemed hopeless. George and Astro, for putting up with me rat year. And, of course, I have to thank Billy Joel, whose music fueled my youth. Oh well- good times, bad times, you know I've had my share.

Dykes: 1989 - George Neowatne
1995 - Chris Wills

Jason Franklin Troxell

Army/International Studies



Flossmoor, Illinois

Swimming/Water Polo 4; Bravo Co. 4; Ken Duncan Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Ring Design Chairman; Investment Group 3, 2(XO); Ranger Challenge 3,2(CPT), 1(CPT); AUSA 2,1(Pres), Delta XO

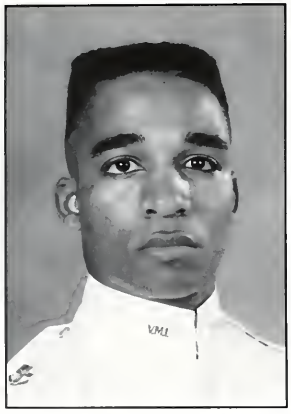


All good things must come to an end.

Dykes: 1989 - Tarng YL
1995 - Howland JC

Perry Turner

Army/History



Renrut, Airborne, KBK, Rut

Petersburg, Virginia

Boxing Team 4,3,2,1(sec); NCBA All American 3,2,1?; NCBA National Champion 2,1?; RDC 1(President); Ranger Challenge 3,2(capt),1; Cadet Waiter 3,2,1(Assit Head); Cadet Assistant 3,2,1; Promajii 4,3,2,1



First, I want to thank God and my parents for giving me the strength and courage to continue my education. To Curtis, Marcus, and Alex, I could have made it without you, but, it wouldn't have been as fun. To my Dykes; Sean and Kenny thanks for everything and I hope my dykes can continue the fine dyke tradition. I want to give a shout out to all those Brothers along the way who are no longer with us, peace. To Donny (you biological booty snatcher head ——) thanks man for being there when I needed you. To Coach Calkins thanks for making me the boxer that I am, I surely coulndn't have done it without you and Coach King. Thanks, to First Baptist Church for spiritual support and a host family. To all my brothers, thanks for losing all my tapes, trying to take my women, borrowering all my money and clothes and for all the good times we had together. To my dykes, Charlie and Julian hang in there, cause if you quit I'm gonna rip your arms off and beat you with them. To my BR's, you're all a bunch of idiots and I hate you I strained you, your dykes and any one else that saw. To all my BR's in "Huaness" hope to read about you in soldier of fortune. Peace/War!

Dykes: 1989 - Sean Raborne
1995 - Charles Branch, Julian Mattock

Edward S. Van Duren

Special Student/Economics & Business



Iron Ed, Fast Eddie, Schlim

Alexandria, Virginia

Captain VMI Boxing Team; Scouter's Club; Big Brother Little Brother



It was hard to believe that we were already writing our class histories. I remember reading my Dyke's as if it were yesterday. Yet at the time, I thought it would take forever for us to get to this point. Time sure did fly. One thing is for sure, I could not have asked for a better bunch of roommates than Jim (lb.), Rob (Ranger), Barrett (BJ), and Jason Lee to have spent it with. We had some incredible times (ie. "Naked Lunch" party Rm. 233 Ring Figure) and I'll miss them for sure. Take care guys. To Jodie Perry, my high school & college sweetheart. Thank-you very much for putting up with all that you did. I know it took a lot of Love, Strength and Patience, but I hope you will always remember and cherish the great times we shared. I Love You. To my mother, thank-you so much for all you did to make sure that I got through college, I know that it was quite a task and I'll never forget it. Special thanks to my Sister, Grandmother & Great Grandparents who supported all I did, kept their faith in me and were always there to help. To my Rat Jim, suck it up, you've got 3 more years! Make them the best. P.S. Give me 20!

Dykes: 1989 - Pedro DeJesus
1995 - Jim Holden

I would like to thank God for all He's done for me. Mom, Dad, George, Roger, Lisa, and Dave; thanks for all the support, advice, and help. Special thanks to Mrs. Spilker, Aunt Judy, Burr Datz, and Major Brodie. Thanks to all those who visited and kept the postal service busy by filling Box 1223. My roommates: 466 - Dave "Banana" Moody, Al "Small" McKinnon; 353 - Lou "Grape Ape" Riker, Kent Gring: 56's - TJ "Ralph" Fang, Steve "Hot Rod" Morris, John "Jaws" Ward, Travis Cox. All of whom had to deal with my unique personality, instigating, and music. Thanks Dave for sweating rat year out with me, so to speak. Thanks Al for getting me invited to my first RDC meeting. Lou, brother, hulkamania will never die as long as you live. Kent, don't foam at the mouth, it's not good for you. Thanks TJ for all the "ancient Chinese secrets." Steve, you were the only one who handled real music i.e. rap but too bad there will be no more midnight drum music for you. John, I really have the urge to get the last word in, and so therefore, last word! Advice to my dykes: the best way to motivate someone is by example. VMI: Peace and I'm outta here.

Dykes: 1989 - Noel Gorospe
1995 - Vince Burgess

Jeff Van Sanford

Air Force/Economics & Business

113, Rock, Small, Slim, Jazzy

Woodbridge, Virginia

Band Co 4,3,2,1; '92 Quintet 4,3,2,1; Brass Ensemble 4,3,2; Jazz Band 4,3; Corporal 3; Cadre Instructor 3; Rat Training Instructor 3; Sergeant 2; EWC #98 2; Boxing 1





I won't try to offer any revelation pertaining to negative criticism of VMI. It' all been said before and will be again. Here, one's problems are magnified and one is forced to deal with them; to resolve them. Some resolve problems by leaving, others by staying and soul-searching one day at a time. I've left VMI every day, and returned on the same. The ironic thing is that it is in many ways more difficult to leave than it is to stay. Friendship here is true and unselfish. Our sense of honor and commitment bonds us together. So what if it's not a realistic system that we choose to abide by. It will be sorely missed when we enter the real world. To the many friends that I have made along the way, words are not enough. Mom, Dad, Papa, Nannette, J.V., and Natashia-Thanks for your love and support! You've all helped me to retain my sanity. To the 137 bunch, thanks for being there. Alex, Mark, and Rick-Was fuer eine Zeit!Ohne Scheiss! Now that I've said all of these nice things, I can go back to barracks and bitch and moan.
"The bird a nest, the spider a web, man friendship"
- W. Blake

Dykes: 1989 - Tom "Shades" Shadle
1995 - Charles "Lugi" Pittaluga

James R. Vaughan

Army/Modern Languages

Dublin, Virginia

Dean' List 4,3,2,1; Acad Dist. 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; UniderBW Hamburg Germany (the great escape) 2; Cadet staff 4; Delta Phi Alpha 3,2,1 (Pres.); Timmins Soc 4,3,1; VMI Theatre Bus. Mgr. 1; Rgr. Plt. 3; Proud PFC 2





The long journey is actually coming to an end. What a long, long, long strange trip is has been. Jabba, Nate, and Smitty, it was definitely a different experience. To S.L.E.E., I've got the old tests! To the girls 33 miles north and 45 miles south, and just over the mountain, you've helped make life here a bit easier and a lot more fun. Cliff, Kramer, Fish, Bob, Harrison, and Ed, you learned me well. How can I ever forgive you? Chris, good luck to you and the rest of your co-dykes, the fun has only begun. Too much to say, to little space. Room 453, it was fun. Let's Go Caps. Roadtrips, Florabama, Roll Tide, batting for the Grand Slam, and just remember, If you get confused, just listen to the music play.

Dykes: 1989 - Cliff Porter
1995 - Chris Yeatts

Chad Everett Vause III

Navy/Electrical Eng.

Chester Cheese

Mobile, Alabama

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt. 1; Cadet Program Board 2(Treas.), 1(Pres.); Dweller of the Hut 3,2,1; Rob Hurd Fan Club 4,3,2,1; S.L.E.E. 2,1





Jeffrey Vent

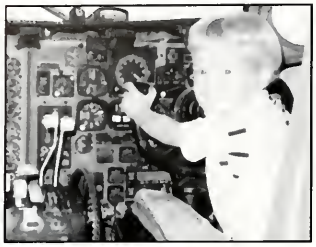
Air Force/Economics & Business



Scrappy Highschool, Tweedy Bird

Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, S5 Sgt 2, 3rd Bn XO 1; Indoor and Outdoor Track 4; AAS 4,3,2,1 (Officer 3,2); Cadet Investment Group 1; Cadre 2; Rat Training 2; IEEE 2; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Ranger Platoon 3; Hon. Member Rm. 172



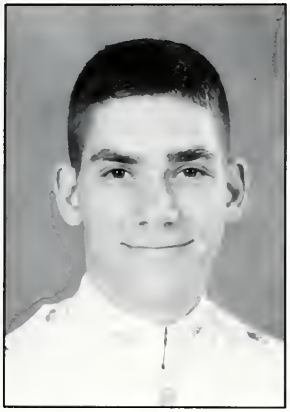
When I first started writing this I thought that it was just going to be a continuation of my list of numerous nicknames. but, while most of my BR's are writing of getting out of this place, I'm just looking to getting thru this year and then finishing it up next year. What would a class history be w/out the proper thanks. Well Mom & Dad, I'm not yet done but i'm going to make it thru this place! Thanks!! I would have never made it thru here without you always being there when I needed you. And to my little buddy, Kris, thanks for ali the pictures! Finally to all my roommates, Lance and Mark, THANKS fellas for putting up with all the continuous shit I gave you guys, Good luck in the Air FARCE! Here's some of times to remember – 3rd class weekends at the cabin (STUDYING!?), to all those wonderful parties at MBC(Good luck MN; you and Culla make a great couple), and finally a question to remember -- "Heyt P, why is lead black?" And a final Thanks to all the fellas who I got to be good friends with over the past years including the Third Herd!–

To be continued next year–

Dykes: 1989 - Mark Whisenant
1995 - Brent "Spaz" Dalhaus

William T. Viar

Army/Physics



Todd, BRVR, Occupant Man

Hagerstown, Maryland

Rat 4, Cadre 3,2 Ranger Challenge 2,1 Rank 3,2,1 Dean's List 4,3,2,1 Sigma Pi Sigma 2,1 Double Bubble 2,1; MNMB Co CO 1 CTLT 1



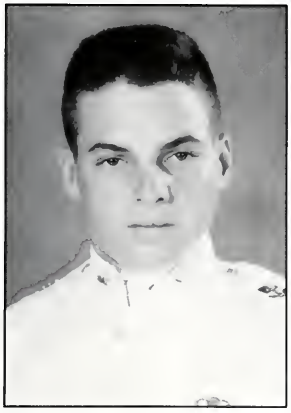
Just like all of my responses this too will be short. Mom, Brother Rats, Dykes, and Grandparents, Thank you. To my sister and dad, Thank you. I only wish you could be here to see me graduate. Finally, I will sum up my four years here with a quote from Conan,

"That which does not kill us,
makes us stronger."

Dykes: 1989 - Jimmy Cotrell
1995 - Dan Williams

Douglas Vincent

Army, Infantry/History



Super-Taper, Dog

Pompano Beach, Florida

Rat 4, Cpl. 3, Msgt. 2, Bravo Co. Commander 1; MNM BN. Commander 1; RDC 1; SMP 2,1; SMC 2; DMS 1; Soccer 4; Boxing 3; Ranger Challange 3,2,1; AUSA 3,2,1; Timmins 1; Big Red Club 3,2,;1 Tired 4,3,2,1.



I was told before I came to VMI that it was a great place to be from, but not a great place to be, and I can now honestly say, "Mr. Lento, you were right." Despite the hardships, I enjoyed my sentence at VMI, and I know if I die and go to hell, I'll get four years off for time served. I want to thank my Mom, for all she has done, my Dad, for making me a better person, and my grandparents, Mom and Pop, for always being there. Tripper, Lisa, Courtney, and Bailey, you're a strange lot, but the best siblings I could ever hope for. Irene, thanks for two great years and more to come, I love you. Matt, BLHA!!!!, I know I'll see your ugly face again. John and Race, you've been great roommates, can I borrow some toothpaste. Trox, and the rest of VMI Black, you can't hide from me, I'll find you. Womack, on your face. Bill, remember that the monkey is a filthy creature. Mars, Uncle Larry, good-bye. 3BK, at ease!! The rest of 92, its been real, its been fun, but it hasn't been real fun.

"That which does not kill us, makes us stronger".

...Nietzche and in the immortal words of Socrates, "I drank what????"

Dykes: 1989 - Scott Leonard
1995 - Chip Rex

Marcus Longstreet Waehler

Army/History/English

Vahler

Seaford, Delaware

Private 4,3,2,1; Boxing 3,1; Rugby 4,3,2; Timmons Society 3,2,1; Cadet Newspaper 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Conduct Probation 4,3,2; 9 months barracks confinement 3,2; Soviet Union/Germany excursion 1990.





Well, no, not quite, but the light is evident at the end of the tunnel. VMI...good ol,' God-forsaken VMI...What would I have ever done without you? It's peculiar. Regardless of how intensely I've despised VMI for the past several years, I still feel inclined to say something positive: I would not trade the friends I have made here for all the world. Mother, Father, Russell, and Katie thank you so much for the care-packages, letters, and love. I wouldn't have made it without your support. Sorry about that semester-sabbatical I took, this place was sending me to the crazy house, otherwise. Well, Rob, Monkey, Jason, Bill, Greg, Jabba, Natas, Cheez, Luns, Bubba, Charlie, Brandtner, Bonoldi, Rodriguez, and, yes, even PUCKETT, I'll miss you fellas - Remember, only a life of moderation can lead to success and happiness... Farewell.

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Simulsik
1995 - Kelsey Haydon

Richard Walker

USMC/History

"Ricky" "4 Letter Words"

Shady Spring, West Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, Regt S-1 1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2(Sec),1; English Society 2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Roadrunners 2; Taft Society 2,1(Pres); RDC 1; Tiger Echo 4,3,2,1(at least in spirit)





It is hard to believe that my four years here are over. There have been many good times, and a few bad ones. The Institute is changing, but I leave here with a sense of pride. I made it! Thanks Dad and Mom for all your help and support. I could not have done it without you. Vince, family, and friends thanks for your help and support. And Tracie, what can I say? I love you! Soon the wait will be over and OUR life together will begin. Thanks for being there when I needed you the most. Frank, John, Pud, Brian, Eric, Lex, and the rest of the hell-raisers in the sinks, you are true(hit me Frank) friends. Thanks for the memories, the silly games, the laughs, and the talks. Good luck, keep in touch. Jerry, Eddie, Ceffy, and Todd, you all got me started, I hope I made you proud. Billy, Ed, Larry, Tim, and Steve, hang in there. It gets better, but to me you will always be RATS! Good Luck. Make me proud of you.

Dykes: 1989 - Jerry Damron
1995 - Ed Consolvo, Billy Eger

Jonathan G. Walters

Air Force/Business & Economics

Walt, Wally, Fatty

Dayton, Ohio

Honor Court 1; Swimming 4,3,2,1; Team Captain 1; Ranker 1; Official Tennis Spectator



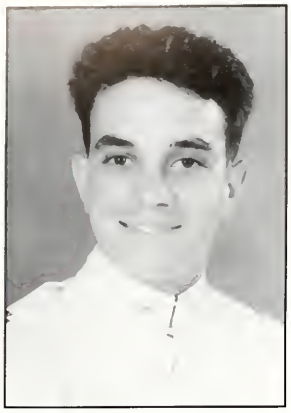


Well, where to start? When I first started this adventure four years ago, I didn't really have an explanation as to why I was going to attend VMI instead of going to a "normal" college with everyone else. Hopefully after graduation this year I'll be able to do that. First, I need to thank the guys that have shared almost every experience with me while here at VMI, and still managed to keep it together for four years. John and Erik, I couldn't even pretend to think that I could have done it without you two. Doobie, even though you seem to have taken more crap from me than anyone should have to, you were actually able to make me see things from a view other than my own. Something I know I needed to do more than once. Erik, what can I say. The weekends at Tech. the late nights studying, too many good times to try and mention. We're outta here, and the real party is just getting started. Fellow swimmers, one of the things I'm going to miss the most, but I'm glad to be out of the water. Too much attitude (not!). Mom and Dad, I love and owe you both very much. Kelli, you've made the difference these last two years. It's been worth it.

Dykes: 1989 - John Osborn
1995 - Travis "Homie" Homiak

John Andrew Ward

Air Force SS/History



Frankie

Palm Harbor, Florida

VMI Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Drum Major 1; Cadre 2; VMI Theater 4; Conduct Pro 4; Mardi Gras 3,1;



I am who I am and nothing more. Today, VMI breeds a certain individual that I am not. I have learned from the hypocracies created by an out of date system built on traditions unharmonized with the reality of the present day. For four years, I have allowed myself to be subject to this ideal that stresses nothing but blind conformity and supression of individuality. Giving credit where it is due, I have had the opportunity to travel home and abroad and learned the disciplines involved in coping with the many pressures that will challenge me in the years to come, but, how should I act toward women? I guess if I tip my hat and open the door for them I'll be alright. Still, there was a better side of life. I'll start with you Pauli. So what if I was running to the keg and forgot to stop. I'm not crazy, sometimes things happen like that. And Steve, lets play some diddies for 15 minutes after Taps then study, Okay? Our talks were certainly authentic, weren't they? It was you guys who made such a life bearable.
"My heart is steadfast O'God; I will sing and make music with all my soul."

Dykes: 1989 - Mark Littlecott
1995 - Ken Jambor

Trent Jackson Warner

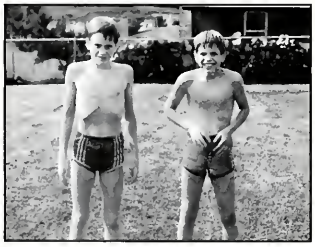
Navy/Civil Engineer



Dubbs, Hardcore, Skinny Minny

Vinton, Virginia

Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; Hotel XO 1; Rat Training 2; I-81 Paint Crew 2; Dean's List 4,2,1; Ac Stars 1; ASCE; NSPE; Tau Beta Pi 1; New Orleans survivor 2; Cadre 1.



My four years at this prison are finally coming to an end. It's hard to believe one place can bring such misery, especially for someone who never knew anything about a ratline before he matriculated. The only reason I can say I'm finally going to graduate is the people I have met. Warren and Andy, you two have been my brothers. I hope you can make it out of here at fast as you can Warren and not by speeding in your 'stang. All the luck in the world to you Andy and your future wife Julie. It's been a thrill living with you this last year Glenn. Maybe we should hang back and watch how Warren acts as a fifth. Mom and Dad, you have given me all the support and love a son could ask for and I will always be able to give it in return. Tanya, you are the reason I walk with a smile and I can only wish the future can be as loving as the last three years have been. Spending the rest of my life with you is all I need in this world. Whiting, Mark, Mike, Ron, Alex, and Scott, good luck to all the old roomies. I've had a lot of laughs and great things to remember, but I can honestly say I'd never do it again. Buy American.

Dykes: 1989 - Eric Buchanan
1995 - John Koster, Jeff Soderberg

Todd Washington

Special Student/HI



T-luv, SL, Grady

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Football 4,3,2,1; Theater 2,1; Cheerleader 1 game



VMI stripped me down to my naked self, and I didn't like what I discovered. VMI tried to thwart every ounce of self-expression I had. VMI taught me to truly love men.(you know who you are) VMI also taught me the art of truly hating men.(you also know who you are) I thank all of those who touched me and allowed me to touch them; and yes, I thank VMI. This system, as great as it is, is rife with injustice, prejudice, and license; but, every system is. Thanks VMI for pressuring me and making me fight to preserve my own identity. Mom and Dad, I thank you and will love and respect you, together or apart. Endless thanks to my family and it's extensions, as well as my roommates for their patience, love, and support.
Finally thank you brother John for letting me ride many years on your shirt-tail. This space doesn't afford me the opportunity of letting you know how very much I love and cherish you!

"I've spent four years prostrate to the higher mind, got my paper, now I'm free."-INDIGO GIRLS

Dykes: 1989 - Dave "DOOBIE" Brown
1995 - Kieth Fuller, PJ Brumm

William Waters

Army/Civil Engineering

Hed, Simple 7, Aqua, AAID, Eskimo

Newport News, Virginia

Wrestling 4,3; Trainer 2,1; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Phrat 204; 2,1 Death Valley; 2,1 Popeye's Buddy





Hey, how you doing? I'm a simple man with simple values like spades, nintendo, game boy, etc. Starting to study at 12 midnight. I have found a way to stay off Ac Pro, needless to say, not conduct. Fellas, running the block was great but most of us will pay for it by returning next semester. To all of those who are fortunate enough to jump bail early, I love you too and will miss you. Dodo, TJ, and Bird, thanks! The long nights of B.S., Ring Figure, Road Trips, and even the stinch have left me with only great memories. There were some rough times but as we struggled through them together you guys have become some of my best friends and I only hope it will continue away from the institute. Last but most important, I couldn't have done it without my family. The support and courage all of you gave me brought me up when I was down and kept me going. I Love all of you! Thanks Again.

Dykes: 1989 - David Procise
1995 - Mike Watson

Charles Weatherman

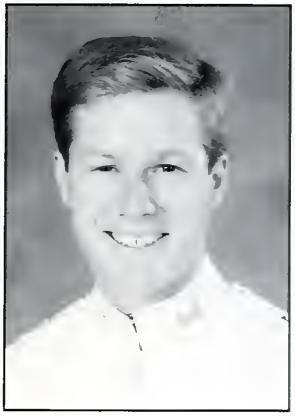
Special Student/Civil Engineer

Chuck, Roy

Staunton, Virginia

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; TCFC Chairman 3; OGA Pres.; Parot Head 4,3,2,1.





It did not take me long to realize that VMI may be a great place to be from but it is a terrible place to be. Then I started asking myself what made it a good place from which to be, what makes its graduates so special. I decided that it was because life at VMI sucks so much. You get used to living with hardship, injustice and basically a bunch of crap. Then when you get out everything is relative and the hard times in life seem like a joke. Anyway what I am getting to is that throughtout my cadetship I complained about how hard it was and tried to make it easier everywhere I could and now I realize that the hardship was important. Sometimes I wish it would have been harder.
I would like to thank everyone who helped me get where I am today. See you next year.

Dykes: 1989 - Chris Menia
1995 - Bill Kelly

David Scott Weisenberger

Navy (SS)/Economics

Wisenheimer, Wiseman

Richmond, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Cpl? 3; 1 Co. OGA/Secretary 1; Hop & Floor 3, 2(Treas), 1(Pres); Deans' List 3; International Relations Club 3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Circle K 3; College Republicans 3; Conduct Pro 2;





I remember reading my dyke's history and thinking what a long way off mine was, now suddenly here it is. I came to VMI and loved it, for about 2 months. I leave now fed up, tired, and ready to get the f--k out but, I still have a masocistic sort of love for VMI. I spent over half of second class year on one sort of confinement or another and it definitely sucked the wind from my sails. Sanity during the rough times was maintained through Herculian efforts by my parents, Diane, I Love You, and a slew of BR's since I probably did not thank any of you then. Thank You. The roommates, James, Dan, and Mark, deserve medals for putting up with all my s--t. Mark and Dan, I can't believe you did it for four years. Thanks, Stack for the car and the BS sessions til 4 am, UB the midnight chauffer I needed second class year, and Danny Boy for the steam letting verbal banter, your hair is red, infinity. Chris stay out of trouble and get those grades up, you have a long way to go, but I'm outa here. "Free at last, Free at last, thank God Almighty we're free at last."

Dykes: 1989 - Norman A. Schmeling
1995 - Chris "Grimace" Grimes

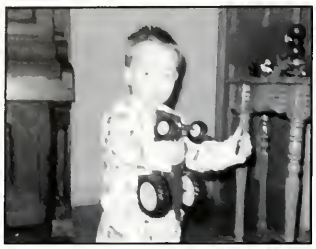
Robert Whitlock
Air Force ROTC/Mechanical Engineering



Ritrock, Ryatt

Radford, Virginia

Member of Asme, Corporal, Sgt., Lieutenant, Cave Dweller, Member of "Whoa (wabbit haters of America), Member of the Cap'n Davies Fan Club



I have always loved challenges, and about 4 years ago I was given the ultimate one. Every since then I've constantly been trying to live up to it. So far, so good. This has been a very long but very rewarding journey. I would never have made it without my parents and family. Your love and understanding has enabled me to make it this far. I hope I've made you proud. I would also like to thank my stubborn grandfather for teaching me how to keep fighting and driving and not giving up. I was hoping he could see me get my diploma, but he's off in a better place, and probably as stubborn and hateful as ever. To my fellow members of the cave, it's been fun. We have been through it all. You've made this place bearable and sometimes even fun. The cave will never be the same. And Will, I don't think I've ever nearly drowned due to laughing so hard. Our trips have been great, and I look forward to many more. And last but definitely not least, Liz, I don't know how you've been able to put up with me and this place, but I'm so glad you did. I can't wait to get out of this place and spend the rest of my life with you. You are the best thing to ever happen to me. See ya!

Dykes: 1989 - Steve Stafford

Frank Wilder
Army/History



Frenchy

Greensboro, North Carolina

Football 4,3,2,1 Big Red Club 3,2,1 Monogram Club 1, All-Cocke Hall 4,3,2,1 The Porch 3,2,1



The "VMI experience" is drawing to a close and I can't say that I am particularly sorry about it. It's not that the time here at the Institute has been bad, but I am ready to move on with my life. VMI has taught me many things and I am glad that I chose to attend the "I." To all the fellas on "the Porch" I wish the best and God Bless. To Rusty: you are truly a great friend whos loyalty runs deep. I can only wish the utmost of happiness in life for you. To Lance: I hope your experience on this side of the Mississippi hasn't been as bad as you say. You're a great friend and Christian brother. Just keep it between the lines. To Geoff: keep kicking 'em deep and maintain your sense of humor here. I could not have made it without the support of my brothers and sisters. I love you all. To my parents: nothing I could say would be able to describe what you have meant to me over these four years. I definitely would not have accomplished what I have without your love and understanding. I love you. To save the best for last- I thank the Lord, my Savior, for giving me the strength and perseverence to make it. "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

Dykes: 1989 - Mark Stock
1995 - Geoff Goff

Kevin Patrick Williams
Army/Electrical Engineering



KP

Dripping Springs, Texas

Rat 4. Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 4,1; Cadre 2; Regimental Honor Guard 3; Rat Training 4,3,2; Varsity Golf 4,3; Ranger Challenge 3; New Market Honor Guard 3,2,1; IEEE 1; Club 176 1; Engaged 2



Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength.--Ben Franklin. This quote has certainly been true for VMI, as I look back over four years of toil. It has been an experience!
To my dyke, Mike...keep your head down and endure. You will win in the end. Ben and Will...you guys have been great. I know our many midnight discussions haven't changed the Corps, but there were some damn good ideas in there anyway. Good luck, Will, in the work place and in all you do. Ben, thanks for all the advice and help through the "tough times."--Semper Fi. Mom and Dad, I am grateful for the direction and guidance that brought me to VMI. Take care and God bless. Brother Rats, WE MADE IT! (Matriculation, Ring Figure, and Graduation) The price was costly, but worth it. Mike, Brian, Chuck, and Tim... Hooah, Yut and Purple Haze, etc. Don't screw up our military too bad -- okay?? Jake, if the South should rise again, call me. Finally, to my beloved, Our time has finally come to be together always and put our dreams in motion. I love you!

Dykes: 1989 - Neal Heimer
1995 - Mike Paxton

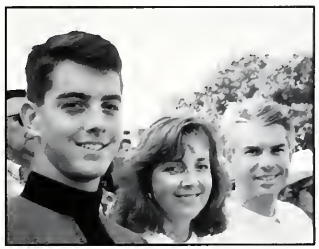
Ronald Williams Jr.

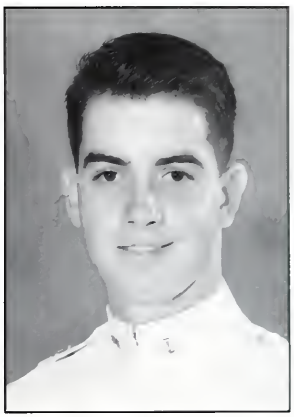
Navy/History

Shama, Macgyver

Suffolk, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Sergeant 2; Rat Training 3,2; Bravo Co. OGA Rep.; English Society 1; Martial Arts Club 1; Academically Undistinguished 4,3,2,1; Virginia Gentleman Born and Bred





"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the road less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference." Frost
"The Institute has always been a place of extraordinary loneliness - of symbolic, traditional, awe inspiring silence. It is a cold place, yet paradoxically emits a hidden warmth." This I have experienced. I will never be able to fully answer the question as to why I came to these somber grounds, but I am glad I did. The lessons I have learned, maturity I have gained, hardships overcome, friends made, and experiences will all be cherished. They are the things nobody will ever be able to take away from me or even understand, except the men I have lived in barracks with.
My family I will never be able to thank enough for giving me this opportunity, supporting me, and always caring. I love you dearly. Mack, O dyke O mine, thanks. Les, thanks. Smiley, keep smiling. Mark, Jim, Tom, Otis, Mike, good luck and thanks for your friendship. "All the good times we've had, we'll have again!"

Dykes: 1989 - Mack Carr, John Butler
1995 - Thad McDonald

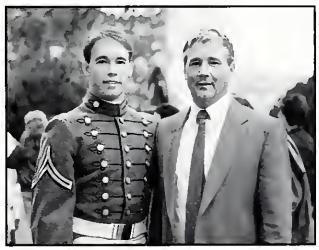
Oliver Warren Williams, Jr.

Special Student/Civil Engineering

Dubbs, WW

Suffolk, Virginia

Baseball 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Sgt. 2; ASCE 3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Unauthorized vehicle 4,3,2





There is very little doubt in my mind that I made the right decision when I decided to come to the Institution. The past four years have provided many ups and downs. I'm sure that my fifth year will not be much different. My only regrets about staying another year are that Andy, Glen, Trent, and most of my other friends will be gone. I am going to miss you guys tremendously. Andy, there was never a dull moment when you were around. I hope you and Julie have a great life together. Glen, the last two years have been great. It is really going to be a lot different when you are not around next year. You are an excellent teammate and a true friend. I hope our last year on the diamond together is very fulfilling. Trent, what can I say? We have been living together for four years. I do not think I could find as good of a person as you anywhere. You have a lot going for you. Good luck to you and Tanya. As for the people that mean the most in my life, Mom and Dad, all I can do is say thank you and tell you how much I love you. I would like to thank Grandma and Grandaddy for their love and support over the years. You are the best and I love you. Renee, you still mean the world to me. Thanks for everything.

Dykes: 1989 - John Glover
1995 - Ryan Tackleberry Griffin

John Bolling Williamson

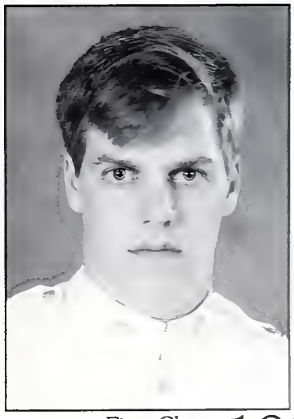
Special Student/History

Big Bird

Richmond, Virginia

Varsity Lax 4,3,2,1; Virgin Pvt; English Society 1; Vice Pres BHA; Horsemen 4,3,2,1; CC founder





Well now that graduation is at hand I guess I should thank my Mom, Dad, and Catherine for all their love and support. I love you all. Mom thanks for all the tailgates and Dad thanks for all the pictures. The memories are well worth holding onto. Now for the Fellas; Clark Matt, Whiting, and Dale you guys are the best. A thousand late nights and a million laughs. Thanks also to all the other slackards in barracks who made life bearable- at any rate. Thank you coaches Bartlett, Arthor, and Hope for the countless hours of teaching and time spent with the team. The experience on the field was worth it. On a final note: Zig you really don't understand and Matt please try to make a decision. Hey Dickie, why study??? Hey Chis, you are afraid but at least you beat Clark. Hey Snuffy, remember Bean's Bottom??? Well Dad, Grandfather started it and I'm proud to say that I finished it- at least for now anyway. SIGN ME OUT!

Dykes: 1989 - Ned Cox
1995 - Pilsboy Johnson

Mark Andrew Witecki

Air Force/Electrical Engineering



Stack, Slee, Sleestack

Detroit, Michigan

Newman Club 4,3,2(Vice-President),1; I.E.E.E. 3,2,1; Rm. 721 study boys 3,2; Ultimate Combination 4; I.R.C. 3,1; Arnold Air Society 4,2,1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; S.L.E.E. 4,3,2,1; BOHICA 4,3,2,1;



I guess I should feel sad that I'm leaving and, I actually sort of do. But only because I'll miss my B.R.'s. Some of whom I'll probably never again. I am extremely overjoyed to get out of this bass-ackwards prison. I've heard that the Institute never actually does anything good for you until you graduate. Well I'm about to graduate and I'm still looking for a good deal. So maybe that statement is correct. I hope to see all my B.R.'s at our reunions but I have a feeling I won't, but I hope they will still stay in touch. This means you Dan & Jap. Ubbb, you'll always be my favorite third and wrestling opponent. Dave, I know you'll get a good job so you can support you, me, Dan and James and all our half-roomies. Huzz, I only wish you could go back and change your major. Cheese, thanks for vanishing before all tests. Folks, thanks for those late night talks and checks in the mall when I needed them. Schmugo-hola. Kristin, thanks for a place to crash when I needed it. "Some of it's magic some of it's tragic but I had a good life all the way"- Jimmy Buffett That's the news and I am outta here!

Dykes: 1989 - Charlie Schwarz
1995 - Josh Senter, Kang Thai

David Bryant Womack

Army/History



Woooamack, Digs

Vinton, Virginia

Cpt 3, Ops Sgt 2, 2nd BN S-1 1; MNM BN MS IV CMDR 4; Ranger Challenge 3,2,1; Investment Club 3,2,1; Taft Room 2,1



First of all let me start out by thanking God for guiding me throughout my VMI journey. Mom, Dad, Patrick, Anne and Mary Kay, I love you all and could not have made it without your love and support. Now on to all those that have been through hell together. Bill "Robo" Sharp, The years rooming together brought with them some great times and you and Stephanie will always be close to my heart. Dan oh !!*#, Despite all the ballups, you were always there and as good a roommate as you are football player. Mazzei, thanks for being there in the rough times. To all the other Black team rangers, Vincent, Troxell, Roadside, Mac, Viar, Turner, don't let the spirit horse get you. Tree Bravo Kilo, Try not to drink over your limit or else you are up to the Big T. Hey Reverend, Thanks for all the sermons or lack there of. Wisenheimer, despite shaming you in pool, the Ring Figure game w/ Crocker and Stone will live in infamy. Pudster and Ricky, the late nights studying sucked, but you two are alright for Marines and being from two hillbilly states. Ritchie, my home away from home-Thanks BR. Best of luck to the dykes of 123 and most of all thanks VMI 1992.

Dykes: 1989 - Lance Gilman
1995 - Eddie Glover, Damien Desmond

William Woodward

Navy/History



Woody, Woodman, Woodrow

Richmond, Virginia

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Rat 4, Cpt 3, Plt Sgt 2, Batn S-2 1, College Repubs. 4,3,2,1; Trident Society 4,3,2 (Tres. 2) TCFC '92 Company Rep. 3,2; Phi Alpha Theta 2,1; Club '09 3,2,1.



What can I say? Four years at the "I" have been hell, but I have learned some valuable lessons. We could have gone someplace easier, but we probably made the right choice by finishing what we started. To the three Charles, we have had some great times and a few bad ones, but I could not have asked for three better roommates. You are three of the best friends that I will ever have in my life. Rob, Chris, and Carl: I could not have made it without y'all either. To the Dunns, Martins, Weathermans, Gunters, and Haneys: Thanks for everything that you have done for me in the last four years. Tom, well now I get to join you in the ranks of the Alumni, I never could have done it without you. I think that if it is possible you have helped me more in the last three years than you did Rat year. We have had some great times together (N.Y., W.VA., Europe, The River). You mean more to me than you will ever know. Mom and Dad: you made four years go by in a breeze and always stood behind me when I was down. Dykes: stay in touch and don't let third class year get you down. Ring Figure '95 is just around the corner. Thanks for the memories, I'm outta here. God Bless

Dykes: 1989 - Tom Hamner
1995 - Austin Clark, Chris Myers

Garry Wright

Navy/International Studies

I came here without knowing anything about the system. At every furlough I planned not to return, but always "the next time." Now here I am about to graduate. The most important thing I've earned is my friends. The most important thing I've learned is who I am. I'm a hillbilly from Eastern Kentucky, and accept my heritage with pride. To all my family and neighbors on Middle Fork, I'll never forget you all, there's nobody like you anywhere. To all my friends at the "I," I hope we keep in contact. I especially want to recognize all my roommates, especially Michael Arness and Herbert Yang, for putting up with me for three years. To VMI I say "So long...you lose." HA! HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!HA!

Dykes: 1989 - Brett Carter

Hillbilly

Sandy Hook, Kentucky

Commanders 4; Regimental Band 1,2,3,4; Trident Society 1; English Society 1





Culla Lance Yarborough

Air Force/Electrical Engineering

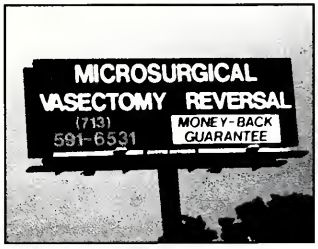
"Hey mom, is it really over?" The past 4 years have been alot of fun, but alot of hard work. If not for my mom and dad's encouragement (and financial support) I could not have made it. Mark and Jeff-you guys taught me alot, thanks for being there. To the CKC (you know who you are), keep smiling and look out for DRRT roads. Hey Keith, check six. Paul-stay away from the Crisco. Mary Nell, I can't wait for the rest of my life. I love you. I'm outta here. (Hey P, why ask why?)

Dykes: 1989 - Randy Wood
1995 - Paul "Crisco Kid" Hayes

1 Grand, "Culla"

Rock Hill, South Carolina

Track 4,3,2,1(Cpt);AAS 4,3,2(Cmdr); Ranker Geek 2,1; Dean's List 4,3; Body by Bozeman 4,3,2,1; Illegal car club 2; MBC Frequent Flyer 3,2,1





Chien-Feng Yu

Army/Economics & Business

See You!

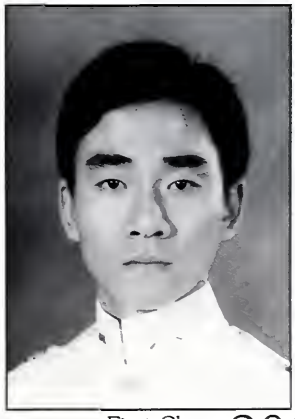
Dykes: 1989 - Michael J. Kelley
1995 - Decker CL

Race

Tainan, Taiwan; Republic of China.

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Charlie 4, Hotel 3,2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1; (Pres) Airborne 3;





John Harry Zackrison

Army/Ordnance/International Studies



Zack, Sad Sack, Rackerson

Alexandria, Virginia

EIC BOMB 1; Conduct Pro 3,2,1; Demo Trouble 4,3,2,1; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl: 3 weeks; Sgt 2; IS Newsletter EIC 2(Founder),1; Scouter Club 2(Founder); RF92 Mag Bus Ed 2; Killington Posse 3,2,1; CRC 3,2,1(CIC); Palms 1

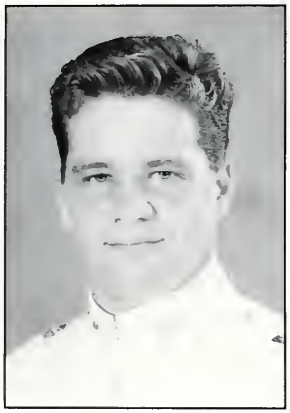


The Institute teaches a man principles, but, it is up to him to live by them. Sometimes, such a task is hard and deemed wrong by his fellows, but, honoring his principles is what makes a man what he is. I hope that I am strong enough to live up to my ideals, regardless of the price. My four years here have taught me much and will guide me for the rest of my years. Without this healthful abode, I would not be what I am and would not be able to attain that which I will. The lessons have been learned through mistake and anguish, but, considering their applications in life have been earned at a reasonable price. The friendships here are true and without strings attached. I am thankful for having been able to earn them and live up to the expectations. To me, alumni bitch at the I because it shows their weakenesses and thus their vulnerabilities. I hope it never changes from this path because we all need to know when we must draw on ourselves and others in order to overcome adversity. I would never had succeeded in life without my family who have always been there regardless of my actions. I can only hope to be the example that they were to me.

Dykes: 1989 - William "Wuz" Rader
1995 - JG Jang

Alexander Christopher Zaleski

Air Force/Economics & Business



Z, Z-man, Ed, Zulu, Ho Du

Norfolk, Virginia

Football 4,3; Rugby 2,1; Economics & Business Assoc. 2,1; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1; Promaji 4



If you don't like it we'll come and get you ... well stay a week and see ... stay till Parent's Weekend ... till Thanksgiving ... just a semester ... well just stay. Well it is almost finally over and not a moment too soon. First, I want to thank you Mom and Dad. Without all your love and support none of this would have ever happened. Thanks for beleiving in me and helping me through all those difficult times. Words cannt truely express the love I have for you. Next I want to thank Steph and Tiff, the two greatest sisters in the world. Thanks for all the help and putting up with me for all those years. Sam, I gotta thank you for taking Steph off our hands. Jenni, thanks for putting up with all my moods and everything else. Neal, it has been an interesting four years. Tom, good luck and stay out of trouble. John, good luck with that jet noise. It is finally time to say good-bye and thanks to all the friends I have made here at the I. Thanks and Good-Bye

Dykes: 1989 - Chris Clark
1995 - Buddy Meador

Jeffrey Zeigler

Army/History



Zig, ZigPig, Mark Twain

Richmond, Virginia

Private 4,3,2 Lieutenant 1(HUA!; Ac Pro 3; Dean's List 2; Football 4,3,2,1



Thank you to my friends in all classes at VMI. I will miss you all. Guys in room 104, 142, 123, 122, and all between 116 and 102 it's been fun. I hope we keep it going after we leave. To my roomies: You guys have kept everything in balance-if that makes sense. Foesch-we've made it fun since the first day. You taught me to always look at the bright side of things. Marc-You've been the ideal person to live with. Thanks to the Cornballs as well. You will never cease to amaze me! Todd-You surprised me since day one. You taught me that being yourself can't be compromised for anyone, anywhere. I will miss all of you terribly. Thanks to my family. Mom, Dad, and Scott, your love and support kept me going. Dad, I hope I made you proud. Scott, I'm glad that my experience at the "I" made you laugh. Mom, you are my inspiration. You assured me that everything would be O.K., and you were right. I look forward to seeing most of my friends and the Football team here with me next year. Good Luck to all who are leaving.

Dykes: 1989 –Ren O'Ferrall, Ken Krynski
1995 –Greg Wright, Weasal

Five Year Men: Classes '86-'91

The Five Year Men of the Corps are a varied group with one single overriding similarity, they want out of VMI. For various reasons they are still cadets while their Brother Rats are Alumni. Some have had Institute furloughs for academics or for Blue Book violations, others just took some time off. Whatever the reason, they are the OLD CORPS. They rule the Concourse and only venture out to go to class or to take a weekend. They know how the system works and how to get around it. Their presence at VMI adds another dimension to the uncomprehendable dimension of VMI which is Barracks life.

Horace Carter

M.S./English

Buddha, A.C., Big Daddy

Richmond, Virginia

Varsity Football 4,3,2,1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1



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Arriving at The Institute as a rat, I was definitely culture shocked as are all of the young men who matriculate here year in and year out. Unfortunately, I remained culture shocked throughout my rat, third, and second class years. The constant depression, sadness, and multiple personalities that I experienced over the past years have now been replaced by an incredible sense of ultimate accomplishment. Mom, Dad, and Bobby: I thank you for your never ending love and support. Without you all, this nightmare would never end. I love you very much! It is now time for me to give back some of what you have generously given to me.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Wood
1995 - John Mayo

Ian Michael Connor

Army/History

Ion, Boo Boo, Conan, Boner

Sandy Springs, Georgia

Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 2,1; Cadet Newspaper Staff 3,2,1; Virgin Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Double-Secret Probation 2; Club 266; Honorary Member Club 166; Home Alone 1; What the *?!@ am I doing here 4,3,2,1.



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As I sit here, I dream of greater things yet to come; a year in Colorado skiing, a cross-country ride on a Harley (hurry up and graduate Al), an eventual job. But I couldn't have allowed myself such simple luxuries if I had not come here; lessons learned, feats accomplished, tasks failed, all part of my experiences at VMI. As I have said many times before, you don't miss this place, you miss the people; friends and enemies alike. Soko, Beau, Dap, Schmitty and Rich, we sure had some fun on that football field but far too many losses. Dudek, Chris, Ray and Lo; keep hitting and bring home a ring! To my Brother Rats who went before me; congratulations and send me mnoey you working dogs! Percy, we'll have to check out a Bulls game together someday. Box and Al, great friends and you made first-class year memorable. Tanya, I don't know how things will end up, but its looking good so far. Chris Bryant, you were like a big brother I never had and the best friend a guy could ever have; I'll see you in Moody Hall soon. I wanted to write something funny for this but I can't, my whole existance here has been a joke; now its time to get serious.

Dykes: 1989 - Andrew McAllister
1995 - Danny "Smiles" Griles

Dennis N. Gwynn

Civilian/Economics/Business



D-man, Homey's friend Cooly

Longwood, Florida

Private 4,3,2,1; Number One Club (President) 4,3,2,1(?); Dean's List 2; Dean's other list 4,3,1; TEBA 1; Rat Training 1; Drug & Alcohol Counselor 1 (no, seriously); Natural Light Customer of the Year!

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There's not much I can say about this place that I haven't already said. I must have been on some serious drugs when I decided to come back. After taking 7 yrs. to finish, I owe a few thanks. To my Mom and Dad '59, without your faith and money, I'd still be living with you, I hope you're proud, I love you both. To Cathy, without you I don't know if I would have made it through, you said you love me without any words, I love you babe. Thanks for all the phone calls, now I can do it. To Aaron Scruggs, I couldn't have asked for a better partner in crime, you're like a brother. Remember the "Boiler Room" and Sigma Nu. I had some wild and weird times with ya but hey, ugly and early doesn't apply anymore. To Jim, Joe and Mike, have fun these next two yrs. Heath, good luck and stay out of the Frats or you'll end up like me. To my roommates, Mike and Steve, thanks for not killing me. You put up with a lot. I must also thank Gov. Wilder, you came at all the right times. Maj. Kawamura, thanks for the laughs. To the Brum, Pat, G., Andy and Dave, good luck and be cool. To the people I didn't mention, you know who you are, THANKS!! I'm outta here!!!

Dykes: 1989 - 1986 - Stu Barnes
1995 - 1994 - Heath Wilson

Joseph P. Kennebeck

Permanent Spec Stud/Economics/Business



Crockett MiamiVice Drugs?

Jola

Miami, Florida

415 The Last Survivor 1a; Water Polo 1a; S–t Running Club 4.1a; The Voice of Reason Editor 1a; The VMI TICK Club Member 1a; Sabbatical 3.2.1

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Well, I'm not too sure, but I'll be back next year. I've been gone for quite some time, but this place doesn't change too much. "maybe you been lyin' down in the jailhouse, maybe you are hungry and poor, maybe your ticket on the last train to glory is the stranger who is sleepin at your door!!!" Arlo Guthrie Thanx, To all my BR's who are still here and to all those who have gone before: Just remember BOHICA BAND CO. Johnson CL, Clint Trimboli, MIKEY LYTHGOE, TIM HAYNIE (You weren't the last), TIM FEENEY, S. HUNTSBERRY, Roger Johnson, Joe Elie, Eric Davis, Mark Johnson, Sponge, and above ALL W. Mackey Carr(bra) All I have to say after this is: Wait till next year!!!! JK CDL hopefully someday CDK love you forever and a day (a very long day!! spent any way you like!) until next year Sills, Its been Kraaazy, Lazy hope last year was good and I'll see ya next year. Go Noles FSU & Sigma Nu! "When you're down its a long way up" L&R 91: sorry I missed your cadetship JPK ...until next year...

Dykes: 1989 - 87 Eric Davis
1995 - Not!

Michael A. Lythgoe

USAF/special/uscg?/Economics & Business



Lymphnode, Minstrel, Little Go

Gainesville, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2(VP),1(Pres); Band 4,3,2,1, OGA Rep 1; Physics Maj 4,3; Acad extinguished 4,3,2,1, VMI Fire Fighter 1, Newman Club 4,3,2,1; ECWC 3,2,1; Summer Scholar 4-1; Cheerleader 3

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Thanks to my dykes:Nick Martinson(93), Wade Dunforth(95), and Mike Upton(87). My Big dyke gave me an image to strive for, and my Little dykes each made me proud in the way they accepted the challenges that befell them. It makes me feel good to know that you are all VMI men. My roommates throughout my cadetship have made life that much easier to struggle along: Tim Haynie, Tom West, David Moody, Brian "Mac"MacCarthy, and my Rat Roomies: Raynor Garey, and Tim Edwards. Thanks for all the late night talks and the friendship extended! My Mom and Dad have been with me in this long ordeal and their love and support is deeply appreciated. My brother Chris has grown into a man, and I am glad we are closer now than in our younger years. I love you all. Amy, thanks for being such a special part of my life! I Love You now and forever, I am excited to call you my wife. I will remember the misty mornings, and smells of wet wool. The tears of frustration, pain and loss. The joy of the Ring, and Breakout mud. The sight of boys striving to enter the fraternity of manhood, and the haunted look of those that fell short of the tests of VMI. i will remember.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Upton
1995 - Martinson, Dunford(95)

Erroll Martin

USMC/History

Richmond, Virginia

PROMAJI; BOXING; SEMPER Fi; DYKE



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Never get out of the boat, unless you're ready to go all the way. I got out of the boat. Alcatraz couldn't have been much different than VMI. It has taken an Act of God to get me released from the "I." I won't miss a thing either. Spoon them all. Let God sor them out, I always say. To the home posse of which I can not overemphasize my deep thanks for all the support and encouragement that I've received. Dykes, I have no words of wisdom. Just Do It (in "4" years). What ever, get out. This is The End. Pray For War.

Dykes: 1989 - 1987 Clarence Scott
1995 - Aaron Odom

Larry Gene Murray Jr.

Army/History

Uncle Larry, Crazy, Roadside

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3; Cadet Staff 4,3,2; Ac Pro 4,3,2; C Pro 3; All Pro 3; Big Red 4,3,2,1 (Pres); Sabbatical 2; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Athletic Council 1; Ranger 2,1; Spirit of Youth 3; I-81 Commuter 2,1.



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Where to I begin? How about thanking those people who helped me with this endeavor. Lord I know you tested me numerous times, thanks for showing me that those were your foot prints that were always there! Dad, What can I say,"Thanks for everything, Let's go camping". Karen, I probably frustrated you more than you'll ever let me know, but Thank You for believing in me and doing what you did for me. Mom and Bob, Thanks for your patience and understanding. Aunty Anne, Uncle John, Brother Jack, and Sister Suzanne Thank you all for adopting into the family and letting me feel right at home. B.P. thanks for the permanent scar, RUFF! Mike,Jeff,Norm,and Jack I missed you guys this year. The Schindlers, what can I say, "I guess I'll be seening alot more of you all in the near future, I HOPE!" Dr. King you have been one of my silent supporters, Thanks For Everything. Finally, Without this person I never would have made it. She was always there and I plan on her being there forever and me for her. Carrie Elizabeth Schindler, I Love You and Thanks for everything. As My Grandpa Always says, "Never Stand When You Can Sit!"

Dykes: 1989 - Tracie West 1988
1995 - Christopher Lagerholm 1994

Laurence Fitzgerald Watson

Coast Guard/Civil Engineering/Spanish

Blackthunder, Lunchbox, Elvis

Hampton, Virginia

#1 Club 1; O.C.S. (President) 1,1,1;

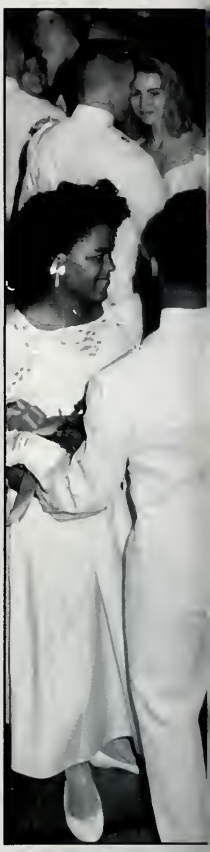


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To those of you who are part of the solution: May the warm winds of heaven blow softly upon your houses, and may the Great Spirit bless all who enter here. To those of you who are a part of the problem: remember, there are no rules or second chances in the street. What color is the sky in your world? To those "cold timid souls that know neither victory nor defeat,": Get Some. Bent but not broken, stick a fork in me... I'm Done.

Dykes: 1989 - Jack Ditt, 1983
1995 - Garth "Spock" Winterle, 1995

MEET THE CLASS OF 1993



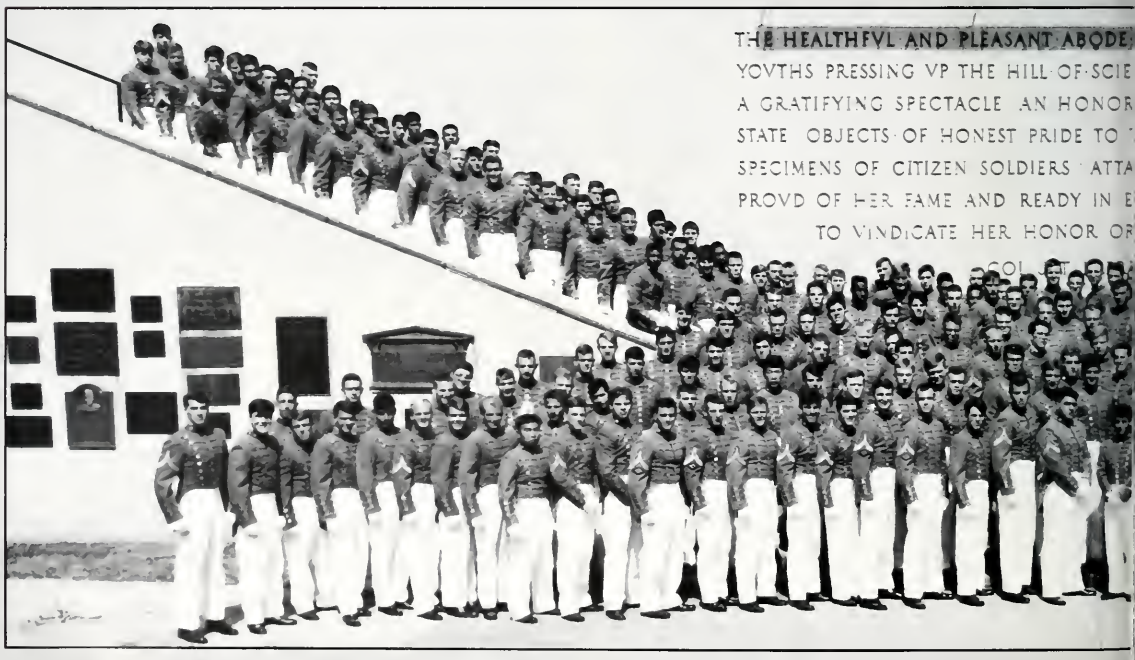
Is there anything to a Second Class history without Ring Figure? Ring Figure occurred on October 18-19, 1991. It was the culmination of ten months of hard work done by many people. For '93, Ring Figure was a decidedly more difficult task than Ring Figures of the past. We broke new ground and we had a lot of fun! After all was said and done, it was a strange thing to sit back and say, "We got all those weekends and cars for THAT!"

Prophecies of a circus tent and a Ring Figure Carnival never panned out. I think for all of us, Ring Figure surpassed all of our highest hopes. Saturday (except for the dinner) will long hold happy memories for us.

During this year, we also discovered our place in the Corps. During our third class year there seemed to be a certain disillusionment with where a class fitted into the grand scheme of things at VMI. With the coming of this year we felt a feeling of belonging. We stepped into leadership positions on the Honor Court and the RDC, and also had a say in the events that happened on post. With the Ring came our place in the Brotherhood of the Ring.

Looking to the future, it would be hard to call us unprepared. We have a lot of responsibilities ahead, and we have shown that we are capable. Now we wait in anticipation. The final test is straight ahead. If it is true that the past is the key to the future, then we will do exceedingly well. We have followed the traditional path of a VMI class, with a few twists. It is these twists that have established our class's character and color. We now await our time to rule barracks and make our mark on the history of the Virginia Military Institute.

By Deacon Maddox





Matt Hertl and his date danced the night away at Ring Figure.

The Second Class Officers are: Deacon Maddox, Ayen Torchik, and Trey Petty.





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Dave Stokes



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THE CLASS OF 1993

Curtis A. Becker, Jr.

Navy/Economics & Business



Old Man, Squid, Studmuffin

Woodbridge, Virginia

Virgin Private 4,2,1; Rat Training 4; Petty Officer 2nd Class 4,2; Trident Society 2,1 (President); Fire Fighter 1; TEBA 1; Ring Figure Magazine Writer 1; Cadet Writer 4

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Well the last three years will certainly be memorable. It seems hard to believe that it's all coming to an end. I'm very thankful for the support of my wonderful parents. Thank you for everything. I love you both. For all of those who helped out in times of deepest peril, I also extend my warmest thanks.

It's going to be hard leaving this year. Brother Rats, I am certain that you'll make the best first class ever. Good luck. You're all the best. I'll never forget all the memories. I'm just sorry that I won't be able to be here for those made next year.

I wish that there were words for the experiences at the "I". Many have tried to write them before, however, they all seem to exemplify the fact that you hate it while you're here and love it later. I hope that will be true.

Allison, I am so very glad that you were part of my last year here. You've made it all worth while. Remember Ring Figure and all of the good times that we've shared; there'll be plenty more to look forward to. I love you very much. Kyung, keep up the good work. Good Luck.

Dykes: 1989 - Tom R. Murray
1995 - Kyung Min Yi

Andrew Gray Poteate

Navy/Mechanical Engineering



PO, Kurgan, Wolf

West Chester, Pennsylvania

Rugby 4; Glee Club 4,3,2; Sentinels 3; Pre-ME 6; ME 5,3,2,1; ACCT 4; Ferrum 6,5; Tech 4; HELL 3,2,1; V-Ball 3,2; Theta Delta Chi



To start this without thanking those responsible would be a sin; Mom & Dad I owe you my future. Its hard to believe these six years are already finished, luckily only three at the `I.' Room 436 we did it together. Rob, congrats on achieving your goals from the ratline. Dont say `YES!' Matt, keep getting your 2.0's, you'll own the house before you know it. Steve, I'm glad you broke your umbilical cord . Room 300/356 turn off the lights. Mitch, dont let Victor Co desert you. Van, stay away from our Moms. Club 49, thanx for the adoption. I knew you could survive my stay. Kevin, you were always right. Keep up the hard work. Mark, I'll always admire you for `just' having fun. I hope I didnt wear you off on you. If so your gonna go far. I better see you all in September, get your permits in.

De, thanx for all of the love and support. As much as I've hated this place, I'll always call it home. I'm sure you feel the same way. I Do! By the way, I'm getting an 800 number for the ship. Right back at `cha.

"I have something to say, it's better to burn out than to fade away" - Kurgan

Dykes: 1989 - 90 John Draper

Craig Joseph Price

U.S. Marine Corps/Economics



Monkey, Sinatra

Orlando, Florida

Cpl 3; F TROOP 1st SGT 2; Cadre 3,2; Rat Training Cadre 3; Water Polo 4; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2; Deans List 4,3; TEBA 2; Pervert Corner Helmet 3,2.



I would like to thank God, my Mom and Dad and my sister for all the help and support they've given me through all of the things I've done since 1967.

In my time here I've made a lot of good friends and they pulled me through alot. Most of all F Troop '93, Pervert Corner and all the Barbarians of 93, thanks for everything. I'll always remember the things we did together: AWJ giving me a "light," Reed's 10-6-30, good grill with Brad and Mark, the tent at Ring Figure, Dave's "sensitive spot," the Little Fella giving out the "thru," the Reaper, pervert cocktail parties, midnight rappelling with Tom, Bill, and Don (or at least trying before the tac joined in) and everything else we've done to relieve the boredom of this place. Thanks for being there! Ka-Bar was there! Semper Fi.

Dykes: 1989 - 1989-Craig Bornemann
1995 - Scott Gowland

Richard Robinson III

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Patrick John Schuler

Army/English

I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness -Allen Ginsberg
The madness that is VMI did not destroy me, though it has put forth its best effort at times. Suffice to say that I am glad that I was a part of it, and I'm damn glad it's over.
Mom, Dad, and Greg, thanks for putting up with me. Mitch, Rob, and Van, I'm glad that I finally got some real roommates. Charlene, without you, I definitely would have had problems tolerating this place. I love you very much, and look forward to spending the rest of my life with you.

Dykes: 1989 - Jeff "Skippy" Kaster
1995 - Chuck Bayless, Rob Allen

P.J., Schooler

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rat 4; Rank 3,2; Cadet Staff, Ranger Challenge, English Society, Airborne, AUSA





Gregory C. Viggiano

Army/Modern Languages

Where to begin? I feel as if I am almost cheating myself out of something by leaving the Institute a year early. However, beyond this, I cannot say that I have any regrets about coming here. I came here with one goal in mind, and now after two years, I can finally say that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. For once all the long weekends and even longer hours of work seem to have some purpose. However, this is not an end. VMI has provided a new beginning for me. The hardest challenges are yet to come and the Institute has prepared me well for them.
I guess that I should thank a few people also. Of course, my parents. Mom and Dad, even though you could not always understand this place and why I came here you always supported me, no questions. I will always be grateful for that. To my roommates, thanks for helping me realize that this place does not always have to be hard work and misery. Finally, to my dyke, Catch a clue!

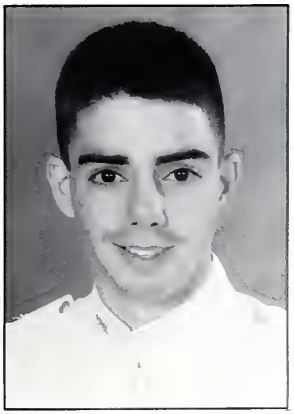
Dykes: 1989 - Chuck Smith
1995 - Yong Kim

Vigg

New Castle, Pennsylvania

Corporal 3; Private 3,2; SLI 3,2; Rat Training 3; Bouncer Staff VP 2; Godfather, La Familia 2





▼ [illegible] and [illegible] and Sutherland at AAE.

▼▼ We watched the painting of the ring in Sally port.





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Sills-O'Keefe

FIGURE '93



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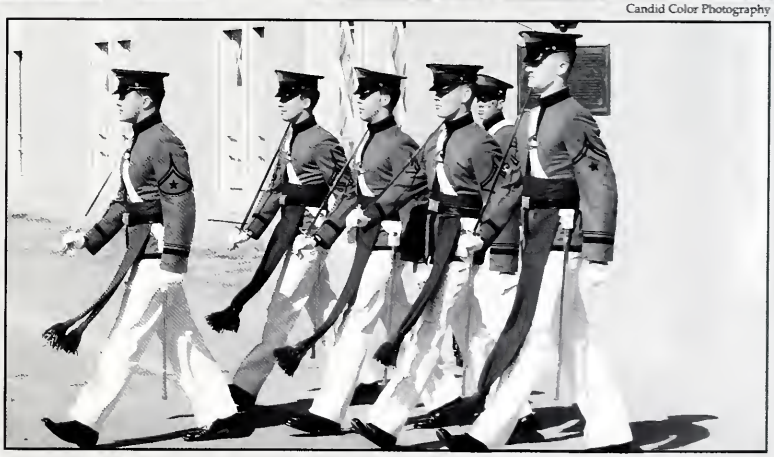
◀The Tent Party Saturday night raged on, and on, and on, ...
▼Mike Chupas, Rich Goodman, and Craig Chwojdak sharing a moment after the Ring Presentation.



Candid Color Photography



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Tom Carlsen leads his staff on parade for Ring Figure.

Ayen Torchik and his date are enjoying the Ring Figure, but Trey Petty doesn't seem to feel all that well.

CADRE

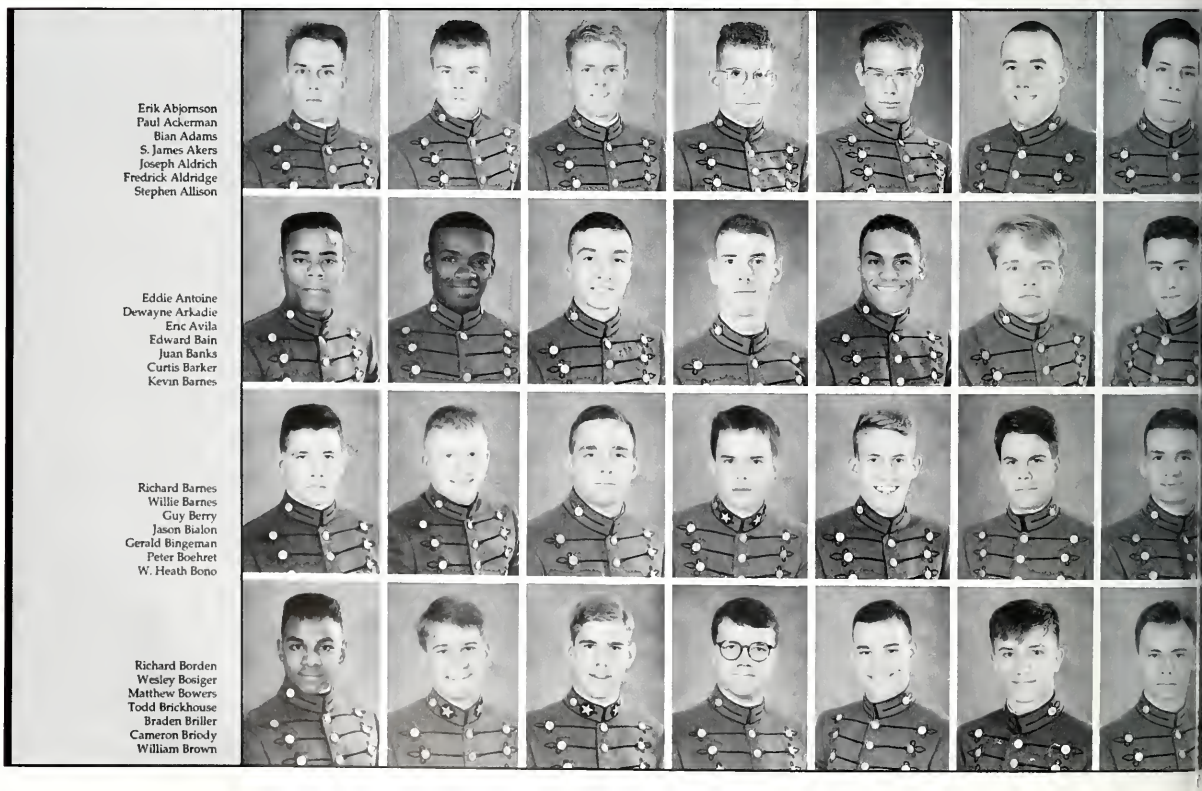
Leading the Corps

In August, several members of the Second Class returned early to participate in the yearly ritual of Cadre. Not only did we execute cadre, but we also were involved in all stages of its planning. Members of the Class were involved in the flaming of rats, counselling of them, and in helping the QMD staff. The experience will help us in preparing for next year when we will run cadre as the First Class. Our performance was exceptional.

By Jay Goodwin



Shane Grizzard



Erik Abjornson
Paul Ackerman
Bian Adams
S. James Akers
Joseph Aldrich
Fredrick Aldridge
Stephen Allison

Eddie Antoine
Dewayne Arkadie
Eric Avila
Edward Bain
Juan Banks
Curtis Barker
Kevin Barnes

Richard Barnes
Willie Barnes
Guy Berry
Jason Bialon
Gerald Bingeman
Peter Boehret
W. Heath Bono

Richard Borden
Wesley Bosiger
Matthew Bowers
Todd Brickhouse
Braden Briller
Cameron Briody
William Brown



◀Nathan Gray urges this rat to keep up during "Meet Your Cadre", the beginning of Cadre Week.

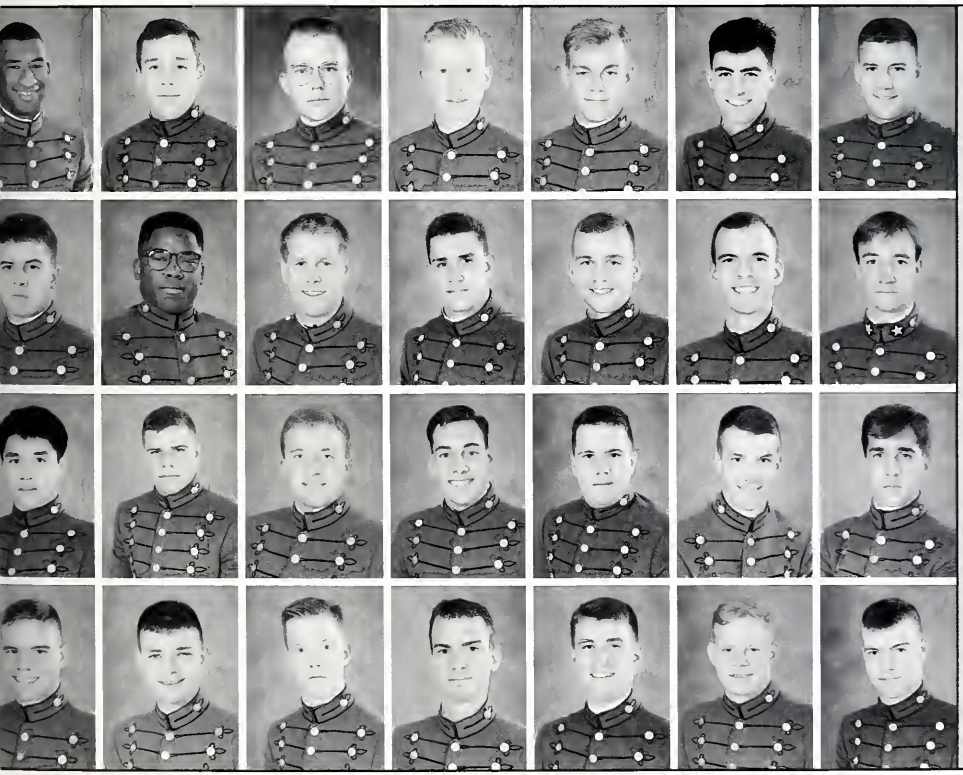


◀Dave Stokes and Jay Goodwin take a break. It seems the day will never end.

▼Brian Cox familiarizes himself with the rats on the first day. ... And the rats with him.



CCP



Vincent Bryan
Joseph Buchanan
John Burnett
William Butler
James Camp
Chris Campbell
Brian Canaday

Thomas Carlsen
Lorenzo Carpenter
Hunsdon Cary
Jonathan Casarotti
Gary Catlin
Jon Cederquist
Taylor Chance

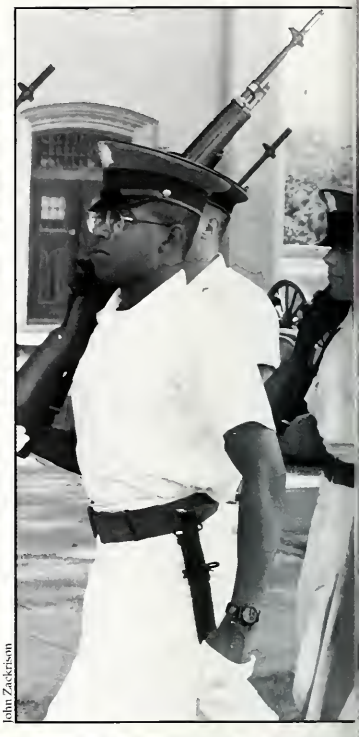
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Stephen Chmiel
John Christian
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Brian Cox
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All Aspects Covered

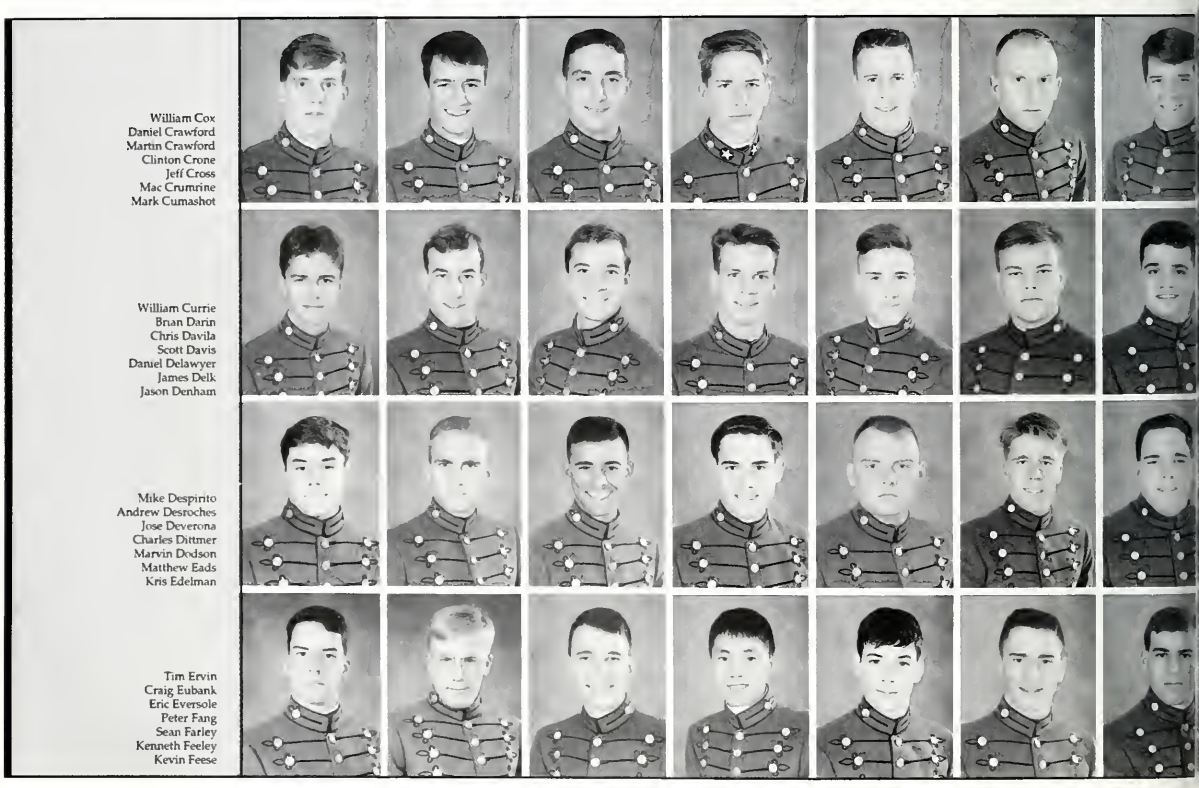
The Second Class is involved in every aspect of duty for the Institute. We have taken up roles of leadership in the Corps and have taken on new responsibilities. These range from new positions on guard and in the Regiment, to places on the Honor Court. Of course, we still help fill out the ranks of privates. And even the privates get their fair share of Institute duties- no one escapes Mother "I".





John Zackrison

Rusty Smith takes his place in parade formation with a smile.



William Cox
Daniel Crawford
Martin Crawford
Clinton Crone
Jeff Cross
Mac Crumrine
Mark Cumashot

William Currie
Brian Darin
Chris Davila
Scott Davis
Daniel Delawyer
James Delk
Jason Denham

Mike Despirito
Andrew Desroches
Jose Deverona
Charles Dittmer
Marvin Dodson
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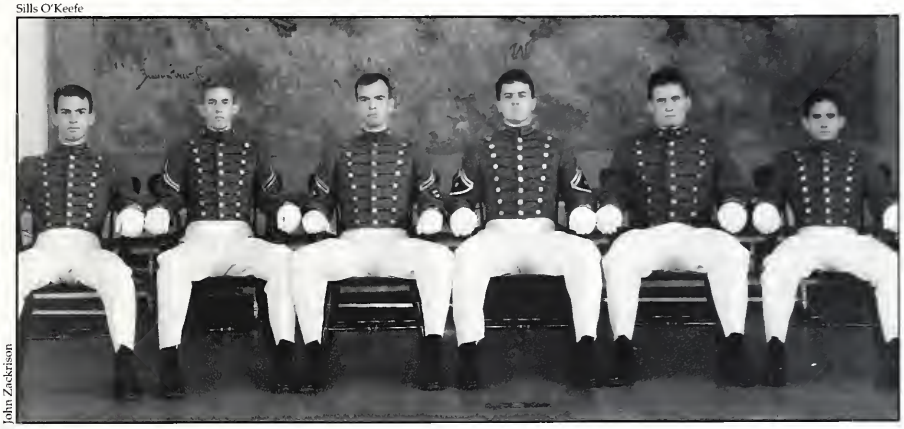


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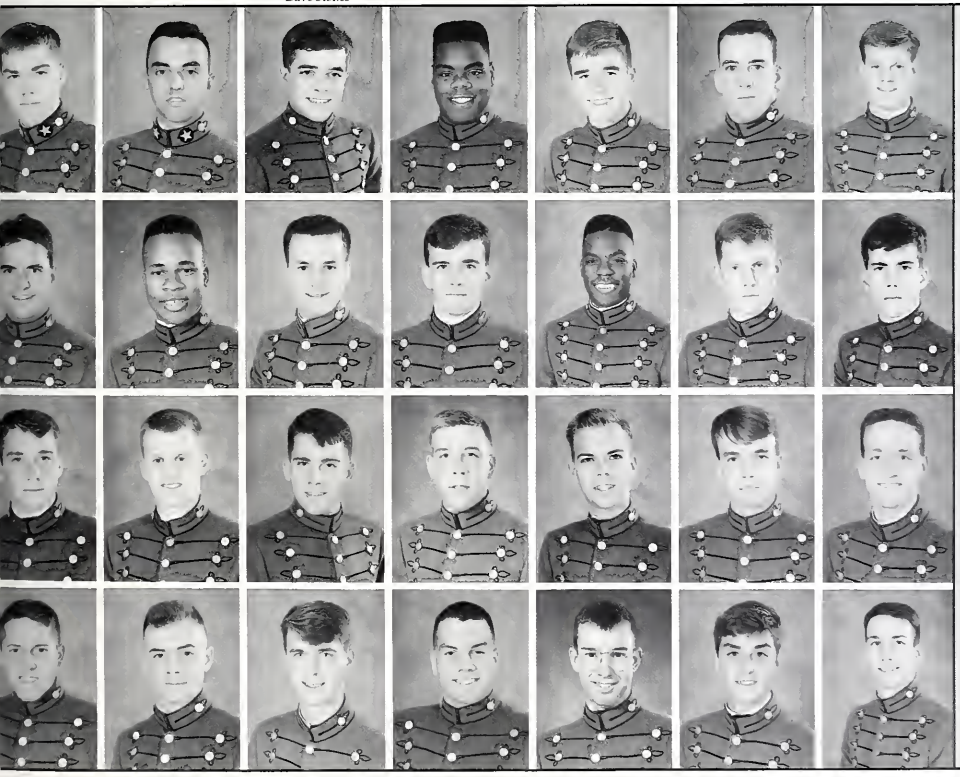
◀◀ Lou Petrillo marches his platoon off the Parade Deck during a practice parade.

◀Pete McCarthy takes his place as Sergeant of the Guard on his guard team.

▼ The Second Class members of the Honor Court are Mitch Copenhaver, Gerry Bingeman, Jon Cederquist, Tom Carlsen, Jim Richards, and Greg Vinci.



Dave Stokes



Lonnie Fender
John Fernandez
Sean Fisher
Raymond Flowers
Patrick Foley
Dom Ford
Brandon Freel

Robert French
Raphael Frost
Adam Galton
William Garrison
Robert Gay
Sean Gilece
Matt Gill

Spencer Gill
Arthur Girard
Leonard Girling
Richard Goodman
Gerald Goodwin
Michael Gorman
Philip Grant

David Graves
Nathan Gray
Jonathan Greever
Stephen Grim
Dallas Grubbs
John Guggenheimer
Chris Hackett

STOOP TIME

Stoop Time is Social Time

When a cadet gets bored, lonely, or the F -it's, he heads for the stoop. The activities of the stoop could be anything from flaming rats to a social gathering. The stoop is the place where we go to talk to our Brother Rats and catch up on the news, and many interesting conversations come of it. The emotions of any given cadet are usually expressed on the stoop, this may be related to the tremendous echo of barracks. Anger is one of the most popular emotions and the rats usually feel the brunt of many a nasty phone call or letter.

Jason Held and Brian Southard greet each other at a sally-port gathering.

John Weeda and Rob Ranftl correct a rat's appearance.





Marron Hak
Todd Hammond
Charles Hardenbergh
John Harper
Marcus Harring
Chris Hatcher
Anthony Hatzis

Grant Hayes
Jason Held
Mike Herrmann
Matthew Hertl
Granville Higgins
Charles Hill
Dan Hill

Kelly Holbert
Donald Holloway
Jun Hong
Michael Howard
David Hoy
Yu-Cheng Huang
T C Hubard

Steven Hunter
Robert Hutchens
David Hurst
Kenji Iwai
Allen Johnson
Horace Jones
Brian Jordan





David Jordan
Andrew Joyner
Andrew Jurewicz
Victor Kane
Christopher Kemper
Thomas Kent
Edward Kerns

John Kucera
Matthew Labell
Jim Langley
Charles Leggett
David Lehmkuhl
Benjamin Lilly
Kevin Link

Michael Livingston
Kevin Lloyd
Cresten Long
Edward Maddox
Christopher Martin
Cliff Martin
Nicholas Martinson

Robert Matson
Greg Matthews
Carl Maupin
Edward Maynard
Peter McCarthy
Kevin McCluney
Keith McGee

PARTY FOREVER
It Never Stops

Any time, Any where. Where there are VMI guys with nothing to do, there will be a party, and even sometimes when they do have something to do. We have partied from coast to coast, north to south, and east to west. It may be something about the school or just the friendships that are forged at this place. But whatever it is, it brings out the wilder side of all of us. The largest party for any VMI man is Ring Figure, but that is another story. For VMI men the partying doesn't end at graduation, it is just beginning. And it keeps going and going.





Wade McNichols
Brian Melvin
John Meyer
Lowell Miller
Oscar Miller
G. Gilmer Minor
John Moore

John Morbitzer
Kevin Morello
Michael Morgan
Kevin Morris
Thomas Morris
Emil Moster
Joseph Moxley

Marc Mueller
Bradley Nadig
Mark Nadig
Eric Natale
Thomas Nelson
Richard Nevitt
Bryan Newman

Reade Nicholls
Erik Nilsson
John O'Keefe
Harry Oldfield
Neil Osbon
Jon Pardew
Michael Parker





◄◄ Gill, Currie, Radford, and Garcia party in their room with their ring dykes during Ring Figure week.
◄ Mike Wright and his date continue the festivities away from VMI.
▼ The implements of destruction on display the morning after. Everyone skipped and went naked that night.





Samuel Partin
Hans Pauley
Jonthan Penn
Adam Perin
John Perry
John Peters
Michael Peters

Robert Peterson
Louis Petrillo
David Petty
Brian Picciotti
Eric Plogger
Charles Pollok
Todd Radford

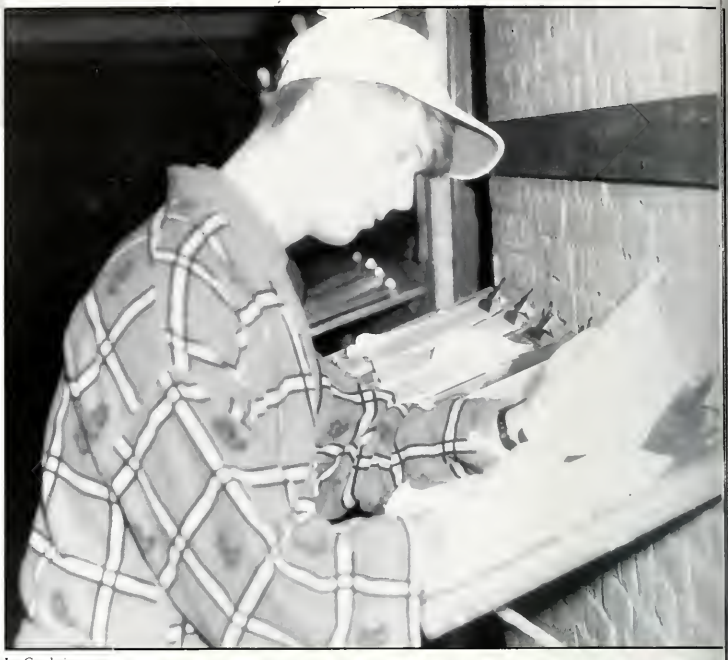
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CONFINEMENT

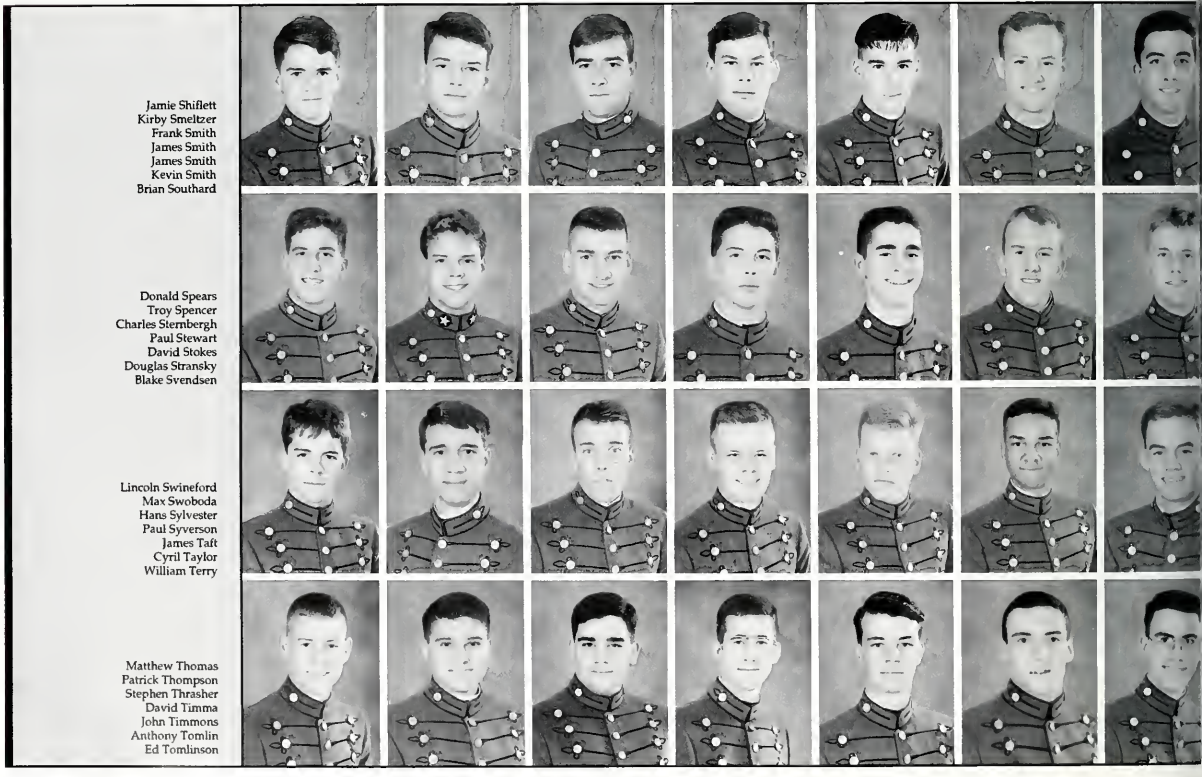
We Never Seem To Leave

Confinement is a way of life for the majority of us. It is the Institute's way of making sure that we appreciate our much earned freedom as much as possible. It is almost a ritual. We play, get caught, get boned, answer the special, get put on confinement, work off PT's, then go out and play again. The cycle never ends, and you never stop getting caught. If you don't get caught running the block, you will sleep through class or get boned at a BRC inspection. Confinement is forever.



Jon Greever performs the daily ritual of signing off his confinement checks for the day.

Jay Goodwin



Jamie Shiflett
Kirby Smeltzer
Frank Smith
James Smith
James Smith
Kevin Smith
Brian Southard

Donald Spears
Troy Spencer
Charles Sternbergh
Paul Stewart
David Stokes
Douglas Stransky
Blake Svendsen

Lincoln Swineford
Max Swoboda
Hans Sylvester
Paul Syverson
James Taft
Cyril Taylor
William Terry

Matthew Thomas
Patrick Thompson
Stephen Thrasher
David Timma
John Timmons
Anthony Tomlin
Ed Tomlinson



◀Dallas Grubbs waits his turn to answer his special.

John Kucera is on confinement over the weekend, again.



John Zackrison

Candid Color Photography



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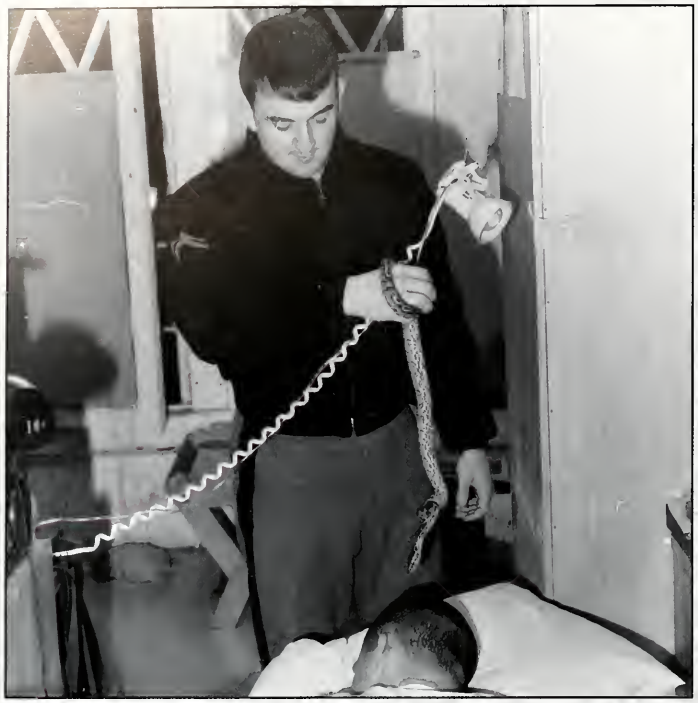
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Matthew Williams

Sean Wilson
Tucker Worsham
Anthony Woods
Michael Wright
James Wu
Michael Wysong
Phayseng Xayavong

Pyong Yim
Ra Yoeun
David Youngdatus
Lee Yowell
Ming Chi Yu
Michael Zamalis

BROTHER RAT













The Class of 1994

We returned in the long, sweltering days of August to begin another year at the Institute. The dominating stone and brick creation of barracks had changed little, but as a class, the class of 1994, we had changed tremendously. There we stood, before the eyes of the trembling matriculants, to enforce the strict discipline of the Institute. We were now on the other end of the hammer that had seemed to smash so bitterly upon us.

As a class, we had passed the tests the rat line had to offer. At times, the sweating and straining seemed too much to handle, but we had made it. So, now back, we vowed to make the ratline as tough as we could. Our vow to never again a matriculant diminished as we frenzied around the idea of some newly found power. But aside from our masochistic ideals, we effectively filled the leadership roles of those before us. We were like educators, professors of the Institute, who were to teach the rules to live by. We set the example, knowing fully well that those under our control would gradually develop a likeness to us. We were developing the VMI man and doing so in an extremely effective manner.

Upon returning to the Institute, we found ourselves blessed with some social opportunity. With girls to call and mixers to attend, we questioned whether the books or the booze was more important. As many chose the latter, the good times began. We had birthday parties in barracks and unforgettable Corps trips that surely will never have forgotten. We finally revealed our love of life along with revealing our bare bodies. We certainly earned our free time and take advantage of it we did. While taking pride in our party behavior, we proved that none could go at it quite like the class of 1994. The memories were endless as we all took part in the social life of the VMI experience.

However, times were not, and still are not, the easiest of times. Sadly enough, we've lost comrades along the way that we wish had not left. Sometimes the studying was tough and sometimes the girls got us down. But we hung in the saddle, with one another, to press up the mighty hill of VMI. As we press up that hill, we will face many questions that will surely be answered. What we'll we find? It's tough to tell, but our class knows for sure that once we get atop of that hill, aside from anything else, we've got each other.

By Robert Browning

Douglas Estes

Charles Downs



Brian Collins is a volcano of excitement as he tears into a rat during a stoop run



Douglas Estes

Parades bring out the Brother Rat spirit in all of us.

Ed Henning rips into a rat like no other Third knows how.



Charles Downs Jr



Douglas Estes

James Gaston excites the crowd at a pep rally with his fantastic dancing ability.



Hammond Story

Steiner, Goo, and Meathead enjoy a boxer/blazer party with the Beast.

A Healthful and Pleasant Abode?

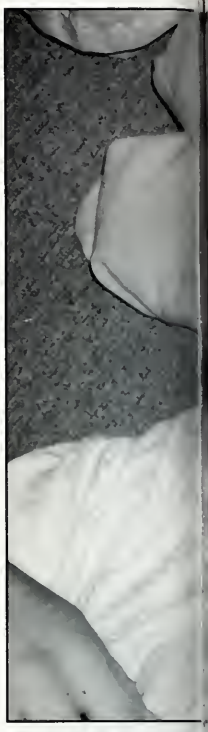
'94 Faces the Third Class Blues

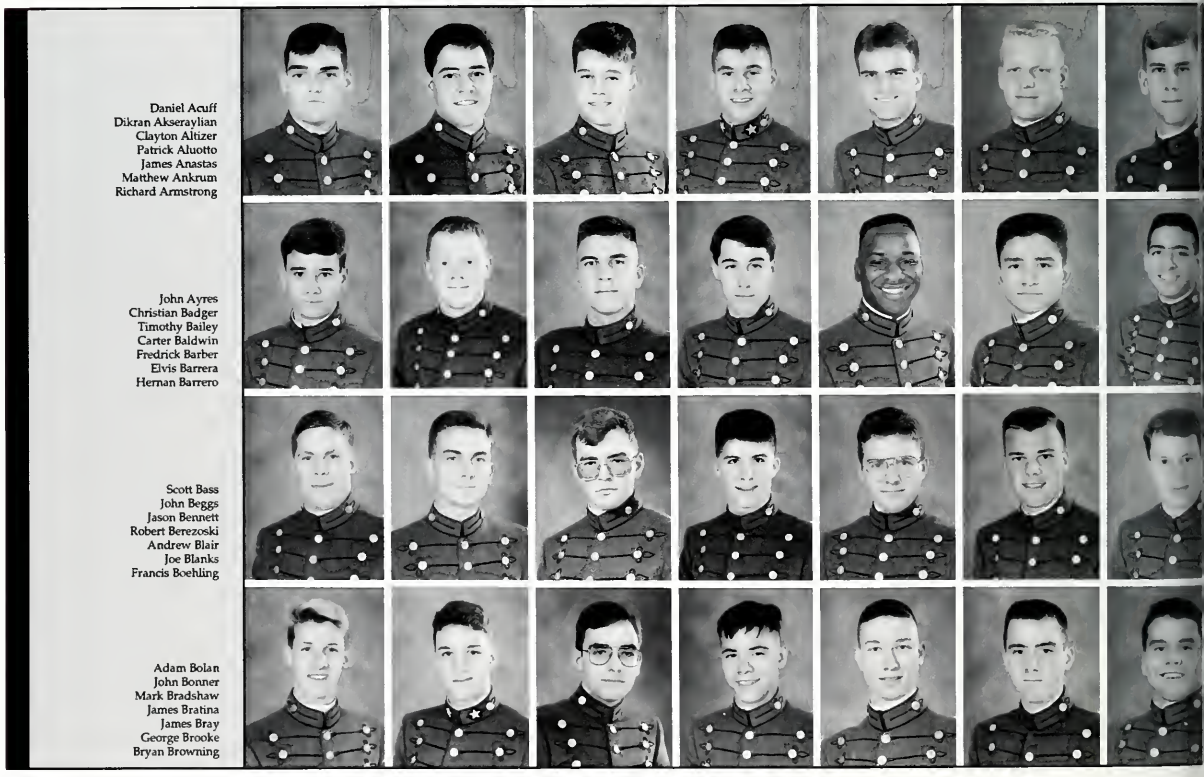
Life as a Third seems anything but "A Healthful and Pleasant Abode." In fact, at times, things can seem downright dismal. Could it be a lack of transportation that makes things so dim? Maybe. How about a lack of pretty girls? Possibly. Well, whatever the reason one has for sulking through his Third Class year, he tries to maintain a bright outlook on the future. A summer break, spring break, or merely a weekend is never too far away and this gives the Third a chance to escape from the darkness of the Institute. Even without weekends, a mere phone call to some friends or even possibly Southern Sem might be that extra incentive to keep the Third happy. All in all, he is easily satisfied no matter what the situation.



David Stokes

Life on confinement is not fun. Just ask D. J. Fix who is the confinement king of the Third Class.





Daniel Acuff
Dikran Akseraylian
Clayton Altizer
Patrick Aluotto
James Anastas
Matthew Ankrum
Richard Armstrong

John Ayres
Christian Badger
Timothy Bailey
Carter Baldwin
Fredrick Barber
Elvis Barrera
Hernan Barrero

Scott Bass
John Beggs
Jason Bennett
Robert Berezoski
Andrew Blair
Joe Blanks
Francis Boehling

Adam Bolan
John Bonner
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James Bratina
James Bray
George Brooke
Bryan Browning



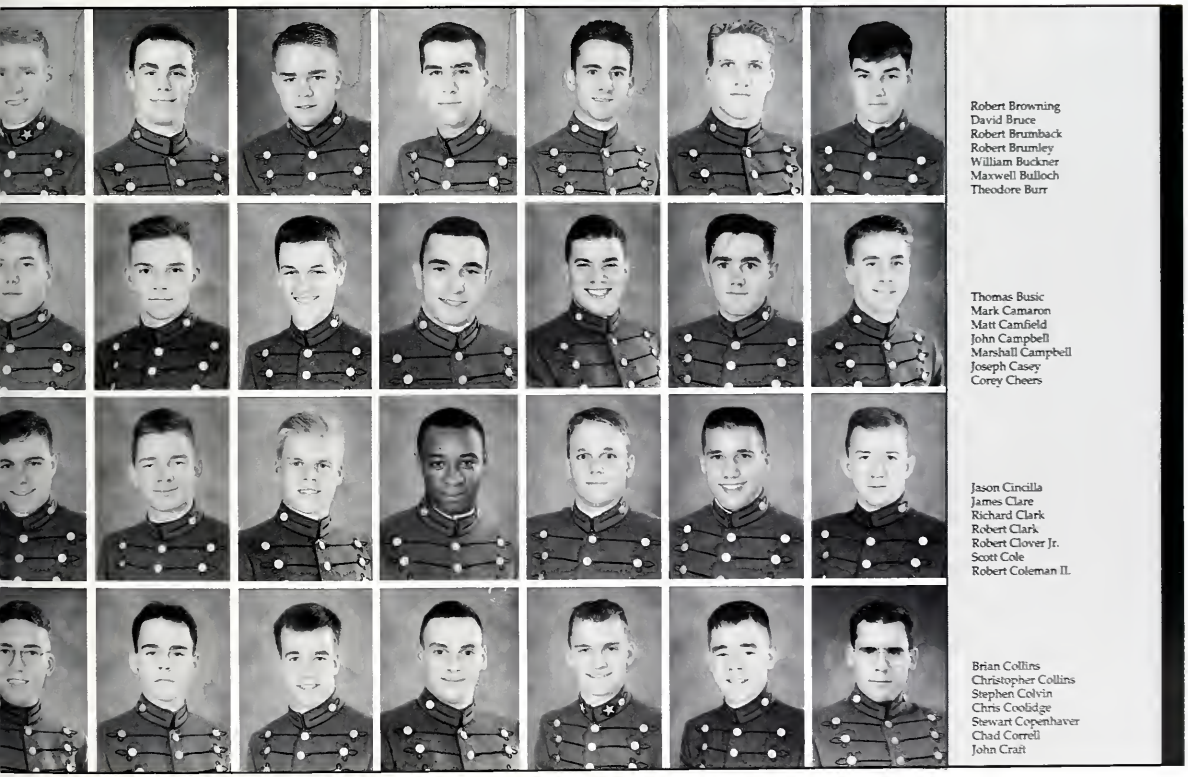
Jim McCoy

Dan Labyak has the Third Class blues in realizing he has missed the hop stick.

Aric Southworth stands behind the bars of the Institute. Will he ever escape?



Douglas Estes



Robert Browning
David Bruce
Robert Brumback
Robert Brumley
William Buckner
Maxwell Bulloch
Theodore Burr

Thomas Busic
Mark Camaron
Matt Camfield
John Campbell
Marshall Campbell
Joseph Casey
Corey Cheers

Jason Cincilla
James Clare
Richard Clark
Robert Clark
Robert Clover Jr.
Scott Cole
Robert Coleman II.

Brian Collins
Christopher Collins
Stephen Colvin
Chris Coolidge
Stewart Copenhaver
Chad Correll
John Craft

A Crowd of Honorable Youths?

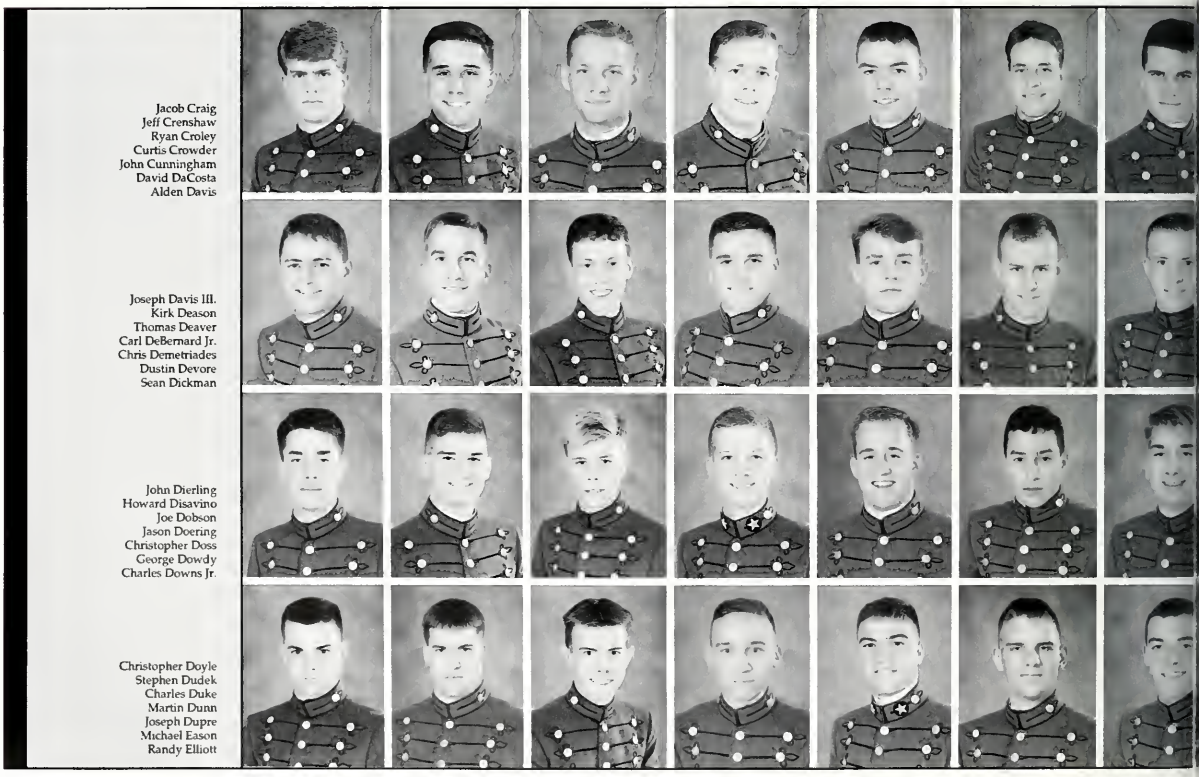
It's Not A Party Until Something Gets Broken

The arrival of the weekend spells one word in the mind of a Third: Roadtrip. With some newly found freedom, a bit of pocket change, and a bottle opener, the Third Class cadet is off to have some fun. Bloodies are drunk and beauties are met while late-nighters turn to all-nighters. He experiences a million memories.





Cadets often choose booze instead of babes say these Third Classmen



Jacob Craig
Jeff Crenshaw
Ryan Croley
Curtis Crowder
John Cunningham
David DaCosta
Alden Davis

Joseph Davis III.
Kirk Deason
Thomas Deaver
Carl DeBernard Jr.
Chris Demetriades
Dustin Devore
Sean Dickman

John Dierling
Howard Disavino
Joe Dobson
Jason Doering
Christopher Doss
George Dowdy
Charles Downs Jr.

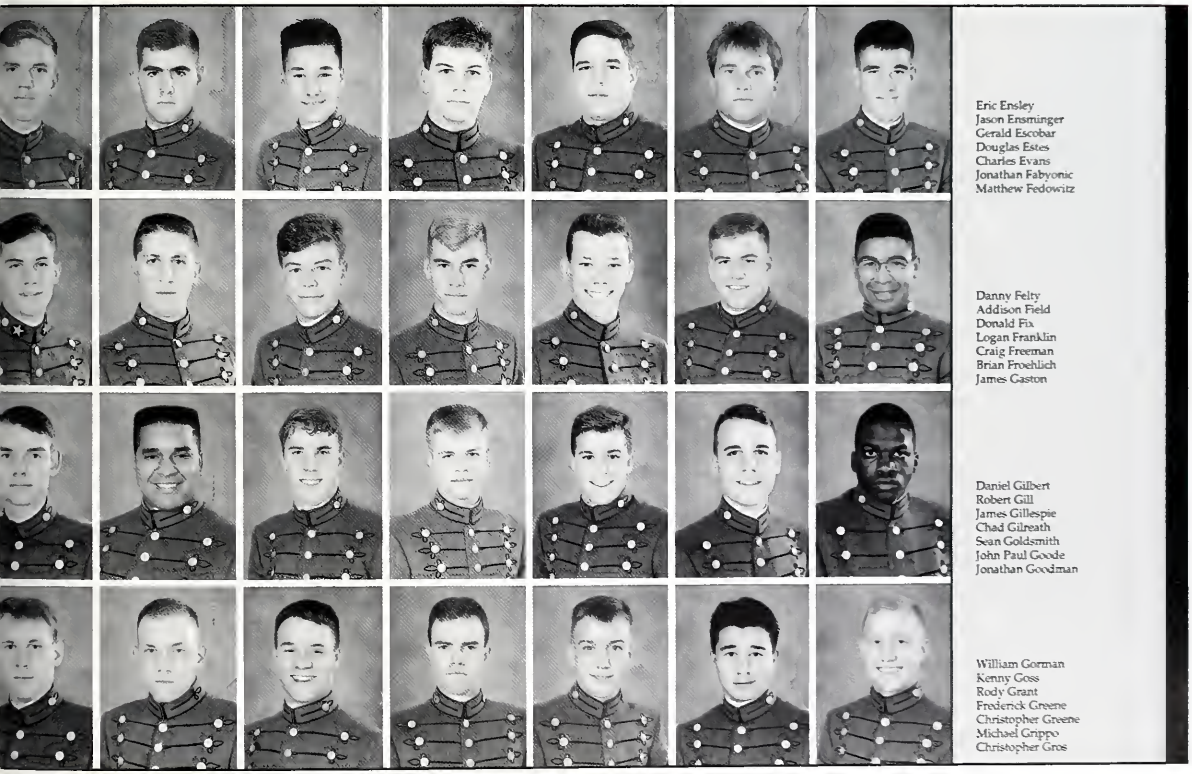
Christopher Doyle
Stephen Dudek
Charles Duke
Martin Dunn
Joseph Dupre
Michael Eason
Randy Elliott



Hammond Story, Charles West, Charles Downs, Stewart Copenhaver, Rusty Stein, and John Lauder root on Big Red.



Brian Froehlich and Aaron Michael point the way to Southern Sem while improperly dressed.



Eric Ensley
Jason Ensminger
Gerald Escobar
Douglas Estes
Charles Evans
Jonathan Fabyonic
Matthew Fedowitz

Danny Felty
Addison Field
Donald Fix
Logan Franklin
Craig Freeman
Brian Froehlich
James Gaston

Daniel Gilbert
Robert Gill
James Gillespie
Chad Gilreath
Sean Goldsmith
John Paul Goode
Jonathan Goodman

William Gorman
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Pressing Up The Hill of Science?

What do you mean I'm on Academic Probation?

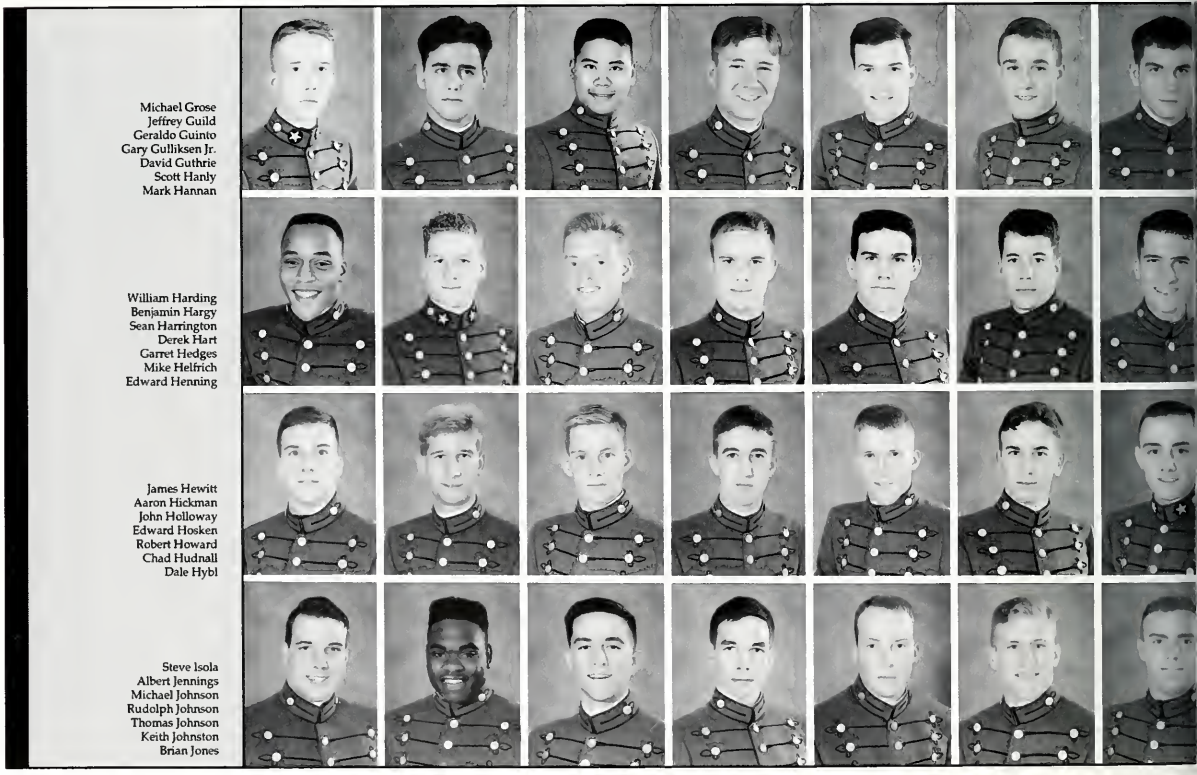
As the new Third Class, we had a new ratline to face this year: the academic ratline. One can find many a Third Classmen cramming for their tests until the wee hours of the morning. Our new GPAs may be the cube root of our rat GPAs, and our hopes in graduating in four years may be looking grim, but these academic scars are a part of our classes' cadetship.





David Stokes

Most would say that academics are toughest during Third Class year.



Michael Grose
Jeffrey Guild
Geraldo Guinto
Gary Gulliksen Jr.
David Guthrie
Scott Hanly
Mark Hannan

William Harding
Benjamin Hargy
Sean Harrington
Derek Hart
Garret Hedges
Mike Helfrich
Edward Henning

James Hewitt
Aaron Hickman
John Holloway
Edward Hosken
Robert Howard
Chad Hudnall
Dale Hybl

Steve Isola
Albert Jennings
Michael Johnson
Rudolph Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Keith Johnston
Brian Jones



Charles Downs Jr.

Douglas Estes practices the study skills of a typical Third Classman.

Does a Third Classman hit the books? Just ask Third Classmen Brian Collins, Clay Mountcastle, and Jeff Guild



Charles Downs Jr.



Roger Jones
George Karavetsos
Stephen Kavanaugh
James Kelly
Steven Kidd
Jacob King
David Kleinschuster

Brian Kochanowski
Derek Kovacsy
Chiang-Pin Kuo
Dan Labyak
Chris Lagerholm
Wayne Lambert
Brian Larue

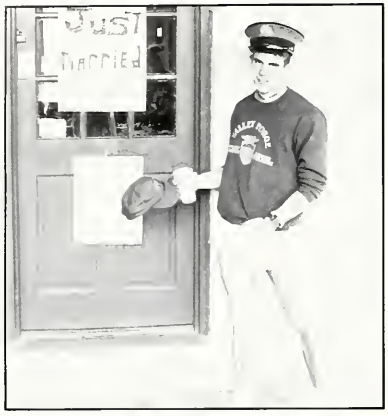
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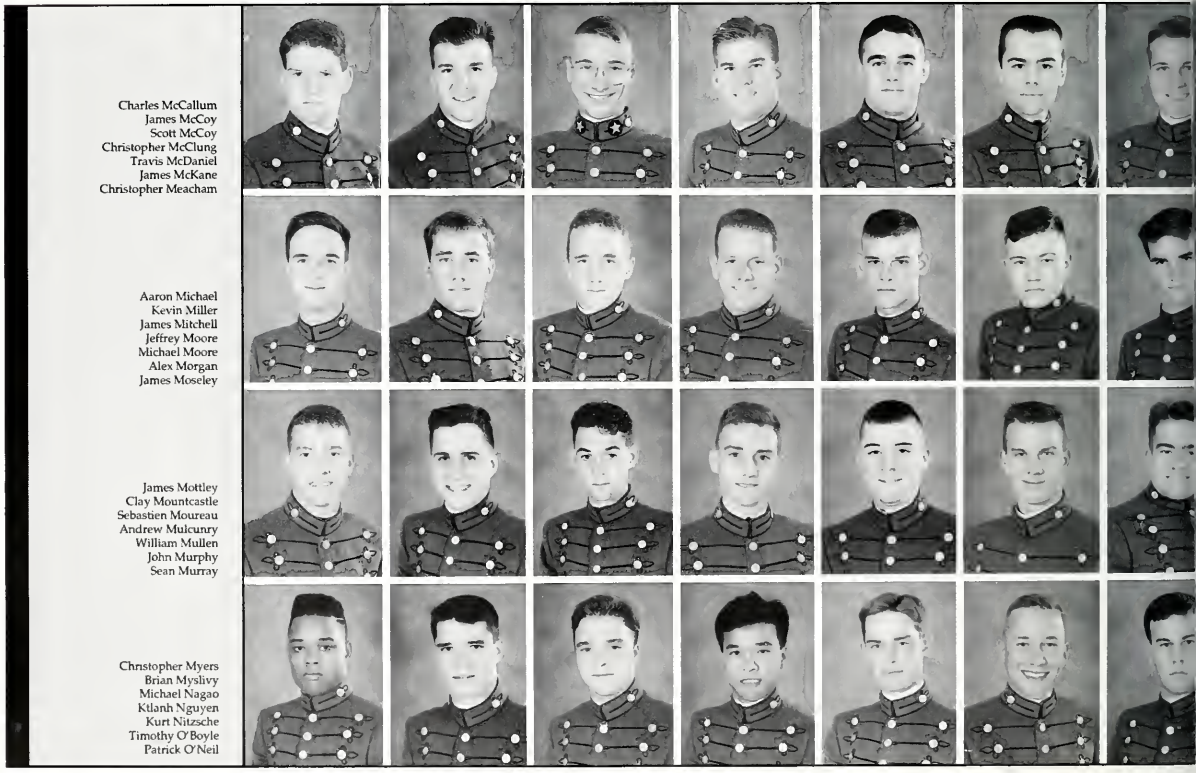
Wayne Lambert keeps a tight grasp of his hometown sweety.



Some of us take girls too seriously.



Chas Dawns Jr



Charles McCallum
James McCoy
Scott McCoy
Christopher McClung
Travis McDaniel
James McKane
Christopher Meacham

Aaron Michael
Kevin Miller
James Mitchell
Jeffrey Moore
Michael Moore
Alex Morgan
James Moseley

James Mottley
Clay Mountcastle
Sebastien Moureau
Andrew Mulcunry
William Mullen
John Murphy
Sean Murray

Christopher Myers
Brian Myslivy
Michael Nagao
Kilanh Nguyen
Kurt Nitzsche
Timothy O'Boyle
Patrick O'Neil

With Noble Emulation?

Women - Can't Live With Them, Can't Live Without Them



Fran McCoy

One thing became very apparent as the Third Class year began; there are a lot of all-girl schools in the area. Mary Baldwin, Southern Sem, Sweet Briar, and Randolph Macon, gave the opportunity for all Thirds to find dates. Many of us got in trouble because of our new found opportunities. What was more important anyway, B. R. C. or Mary Baldwin? Some of us found true love, others found dear John letters. '94 was ready to have some fun.

Love is in the air as Jim McCoy enjoys the company of his girlfriend.



Steven Owens
Herb Parson
Chris Passarge
Joshua Paulin
John Payne
Matthew Payne
Michael Peacock

William Pendleton
Charles Perrow
Patrick Peschka
David Phelps
Steve Phelps
Marc Phillips
Vinston Porter

David Presnell
Daniel Price
Jason Price
Sean Rafferty
Stephen Ranicki
Chris Ratchford
Robert Raynor

Brad Rees
Michael Reymann
Chris Reynolds
Michael Rezabek
Damon Richardson
Michael Richardson
Chris Richmond

A Gratifying Spectacle?

Being Bad Feels Pretty Good

Third Class year began with some independence and freedom granted to us. We had weekends to take and girls to meet. What would all this lead to? Getting Busted! As we would attend our first mixers, getting back to barracks was not our first priority. Boned absent off post B.R.C! Add a drinking in barracks, sleeping through class, and room in gross disorder and you have members of the class of '94 who all found out about getting BUSTED!



Charles Downs Jr.

Frank Boehling on confinement, can it be true?

Charles Downs Jr.



Clayton Ricks
John Rider
Robin Riviere
James Roark Jr.
Jonathan Rudy
Michael Runkle
Andrew Rush

Nathan Rush
Christopher Russell
Martin Russell
Russell Rutter
Justin Sapp
Jeremy Schlussel
George Schreffler

Nicolas Schweizer
Aaron Scruggs
Greg Shaffer
Ronald Sharp
Matthew Shiley
Jae Shin
Mark Shropshire

Gregg Schultz
Shehh-Rong Shyong
John Silva
Michael Slover
Sean Small
Robert Snodgrass
Timothy Snow



Sean Rafferty thanks Colonel Williams for the 10-6-30.



What's a penalty tour without D. J. Fix?



Charles Downs Jr.



Max Bulloch

Colonel Williams says drinking doesn't pay.

The Overcoat

Many believe that the reason for the red lining on the overcoat is the Corps participation at New Market. The red lining was added to the overcoat in the autumn of 1887. When cadets use to run the block, they would cover their heads with the gray cape of their overcoat making them seem like a civilian at a distance. In order to catch these early renegades the admin added the red lining.



Stanley Song
Aric Southworth
Sean Spriggs
Phillip Starling
Trey Steeley
William Stegemerten
Larry Stein

Bradley Stenner
Stacy Story
Noah Stoyko
Adam Strickland
Nimit Suwannarat
William Sweeney
Eric Tarbox

Robert Taylor
John Teal
Jason Thomas
Patrick Thompson
William Thornton
James Todd
Phillip Townsend

Vinh Trinh
Tim Troester
Ian Trombley
David Truslow
Tucker Wilson
Christian Tujo
Dan Turner

An Honor To Our Country And Our State ...



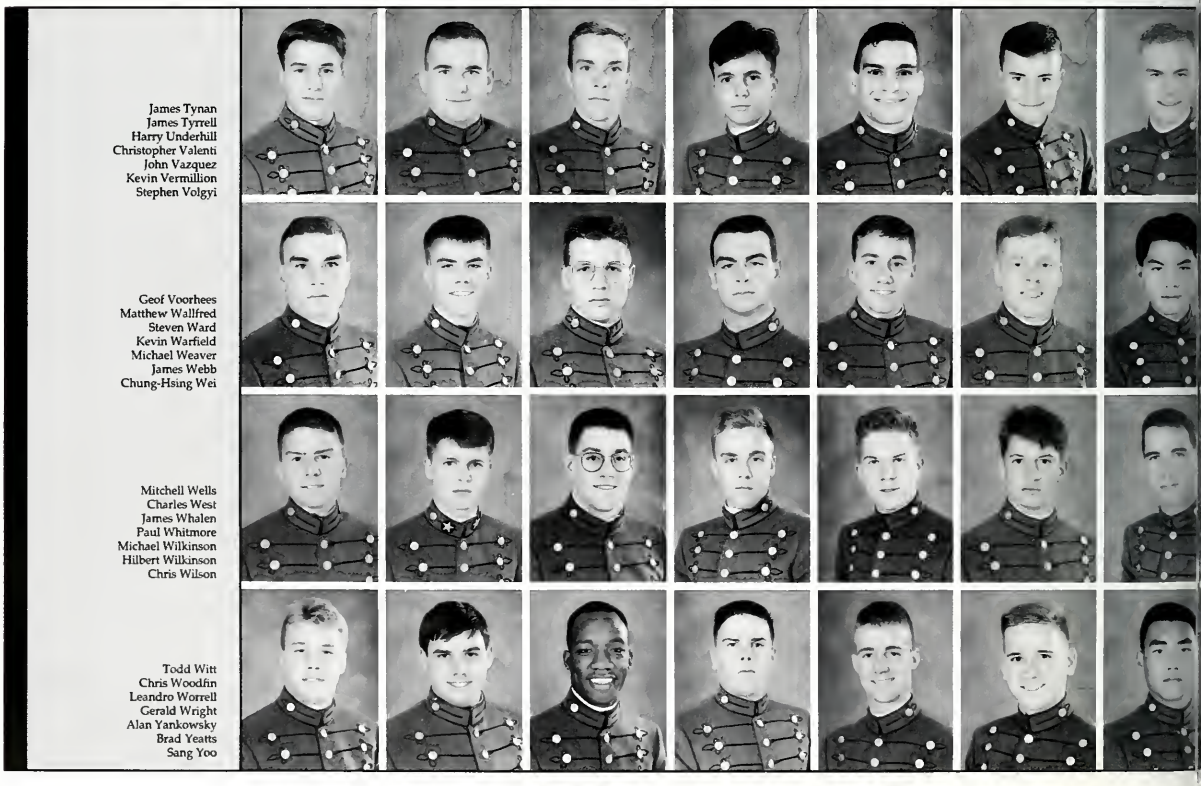
Walking Tall and Looking Good

The Class of 1994 had a new duty this year as Third Classmen. Our class has to set the leadership example for the Corps. The primary goal of the Third Class is instruction; molding the rat into a citizen soldier. The stereotyped Third Classman is a ratline enforcer, but our class has shown enforcement along with instruction. As a corporal, Third Classmen are constantly at work. Whether they're doing AWOLs, seating Tacs at SRC, or doing rifle checks, our Brother Rats are the ones who keep the Corps running smoothly. Our leadership abilities are put to the test. Whether a third class private instructs a rat or a squad leader inspects his squad, the Class of 1994 are the leaders in today's Corps.

Butch Jennings fills the role of the Third Class athlete.



David Stokes



James Tynan
James Tyrrell
Harry Underhill
Christopher Valenti
John Vazquez
Kevin Vermillion
Stephen Volgyi

Geof Voorhees
Matthew Wallfred
Steven Ward
Kevin Warfield
Michael Weaver
James Webb
Chung-Hsing Wei

Mitchell Wells
Charles West
James Whalen
Paul Whitmore
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Hilbert Wilkinson
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Brad Yeatts
Sang Yoo

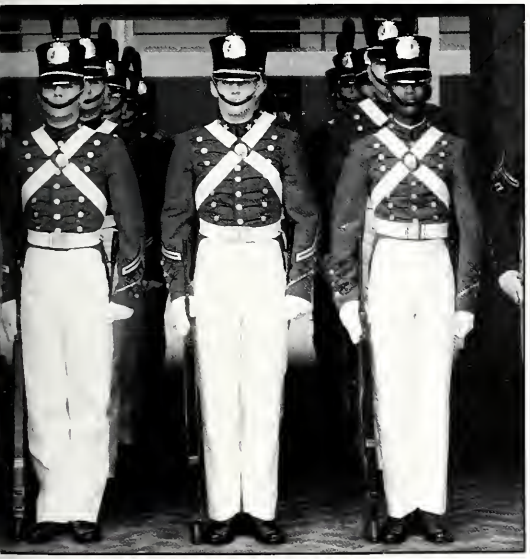


Pat Peschka, John Cunningham, and Jim McCoy demonstrate their leadership abilities.

In a tender moment, Ian Trombley supports Third Class involvement in the Big Brother program.



Charles Dawson II







Mathew Zenker

Thirds display their discipline and responsibility.

Wayne Lambert, Ro Browning, Casey West, and Stew Copenhaver, stand tall for the Institute.

THE NEW CLASS OF 1995

A day that remains burnt into every cadet's memory is the first time he walked through Jackson Arch, carrying his belongings with him, leaving his parents and girlfriend outside. Walking inside was the first step to becoming a VMI man. The class of 1995 took those steps on the August 13th, 1991. Weather that day was pretty overcast and miserable, an ominous sign of the way the rat line was going to go. Then we met our cadre. They taught us everything that we had to know in order to survive at this unique and sacred institution of higher education where academics is the not the primary educator. We learned drill and ceremony, the organization of VMI, and importantly military skills such as shining shoes and brass. They made sure that we knew all the vital information contained within our rat bibles.

After the long cadre week was over, classes began. We studied hard and racked hard. Certain classes lent themselves to catching up on rack time, while in others, staying awake was vital to understanding the material. All in all, classes were a welcomed break from the strain of the rat line.

Cadre and classes were only a small part of the rat line. The most important aspect of the rat line was building class unity. Through rat training and the other hardships, we started building the foundation of a unified class. Hopefully the next three years will prove as challenging and rewarding as the rat year.



Shane Grizzard



Shane Grizzard



Shane Grizzard

The first few days leave a permanent mark on every rat.



One can always spot a rat by his lack of hair. After the first one during cadre the rest come easily.

Rats and the RDC never mix well. Here, a rat earns his rat bible during cadre.



Shane Grizzard



Shane Grizzard

Some RDC members are more insane than others. The ones in the Sinks were the craziest of the lot.



Cadre week is an intense experience that is hard to explain to outsiders.

HAIRCUTS

Just A Trim

One of the major transitions from "civilian" life to VMI is the rat haircut that every cadet receives during cadre week. As we awaited the searing of our locks, we were allowed to press our noses against the window outside and see our Brother Rats getting their heads sheared. Then we were ushered into the Barber Shop, where we spent at least half an hour from then on awaiting our weekly hair cut. After being , as the cadets affectionately call, "Basilized," we had taken our first step to becoming a cadet. The Rat haircut was but one of the steps to becoming a unified class. The hardest part was yet to come.

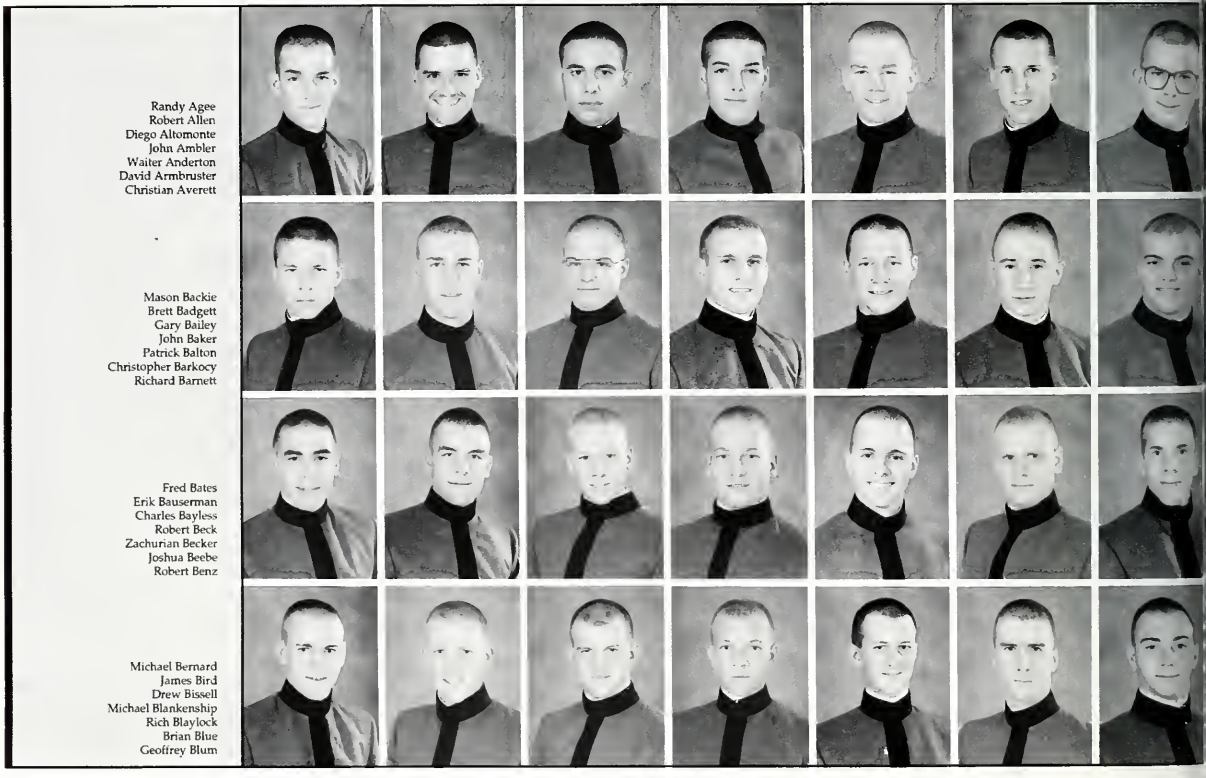


Shane Grizzard

This cadet has only one choice of cut: Rat haircut.



Shane Grizzard



Randy Agee
Robert Allen
Diego Altomonte
John Ambler
Waiter Anderton
David Armbruster
Christian Averett

Mason Backie
Brett Badgett
Gary Bailey
John Baker
Patrick Balton
Christopher Barkocy
Richard Barnett

Fred Bates
Erik Bauserman
Charles Bayless
Robert Beck
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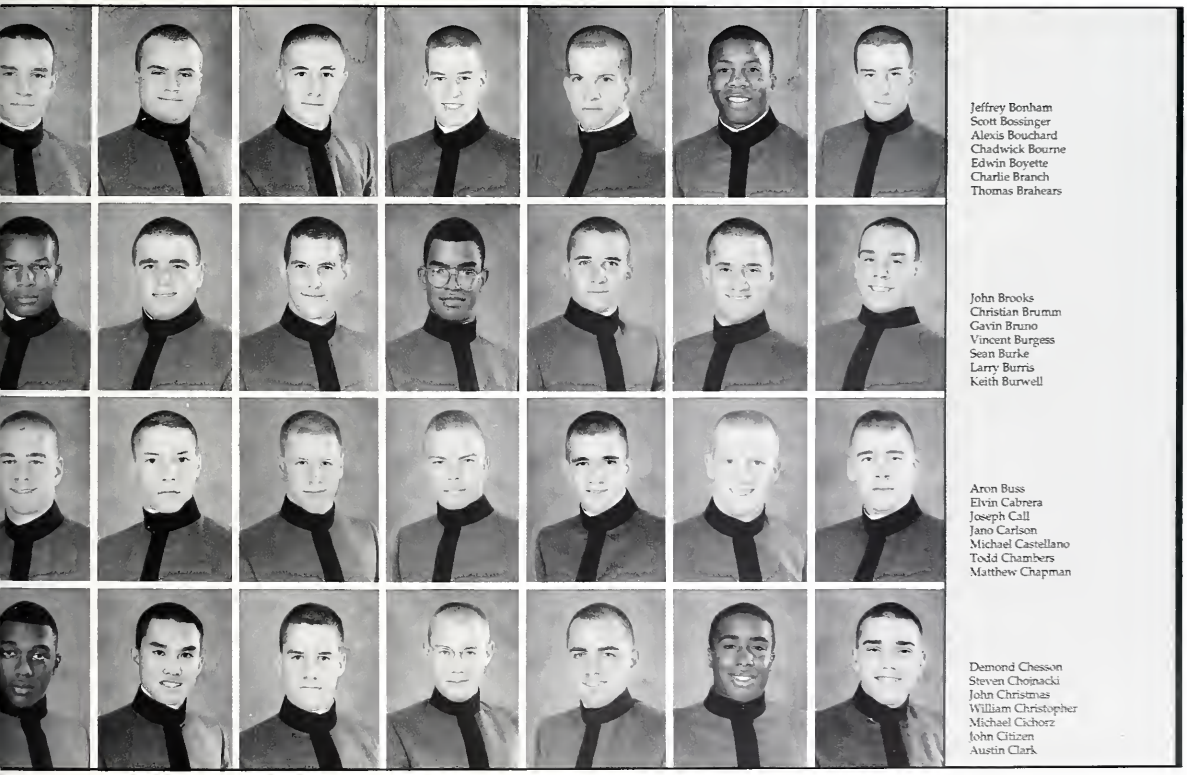


◀ A new fuzz head has just emerged on this Rat.

This Rat is wondering what he has put himself into.



Shane Grizzard



Jeffrey Bonham
Scott Bossinger
Alexis Bouchard
Chadwick Bourne
Edwin Boyette
Charlie Branch
Thomas Brahears

John Brooks
Christian Brumm
Gavin Bruno
Vincent Burgess
Sean Burke
Larry Burris
Keith Burwell

Aron Buss
Elvin Cabrera
Joseph Call
Jano Carlson
Michael Castellano
Todd Chambers
Matthew Chapman

Demond Chesson
Steven Choinacki
John Christmas
William Christopher
Michael Cichorz
John Citizen
Austin Clark

STOOP RUNS

Just having an afternoon stroll

Stoop runs were a part of the initiations process for the class of 1995. The half hour workouts were motivational exercise for our class. Even the upperclassmen got into the workout, doing pushups with us and cheering us on. It was an opportunity to see the spirit of the Institute at work. Although the workout was motivational, there was a certain relief in taking off the boots and relaxing with a glass of water.

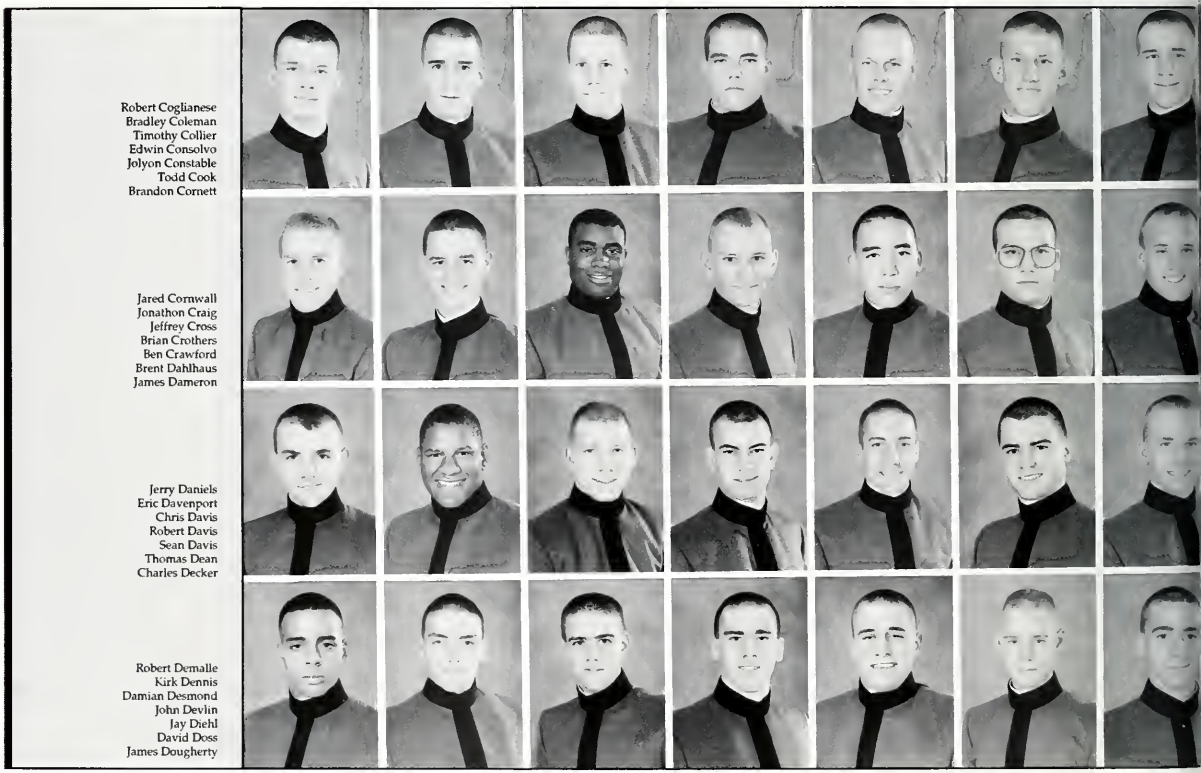


Tom Gnecco



Candid Color Photography

Like Darwin said: The weak shall die and strong survive.



Robert Coglianese
Bradley Coleman
Timothy Collier
Edwin Consolvo
Jolyon Constable
Todd Cook
Brandon Cornett

Jared Cornwall
Jonathon Craig
Jeffrey Cross
Brian Crothers
Ben Crawford
Brent Dahlhaus
James Dameron

Jerry Daniels
Eric Davenport
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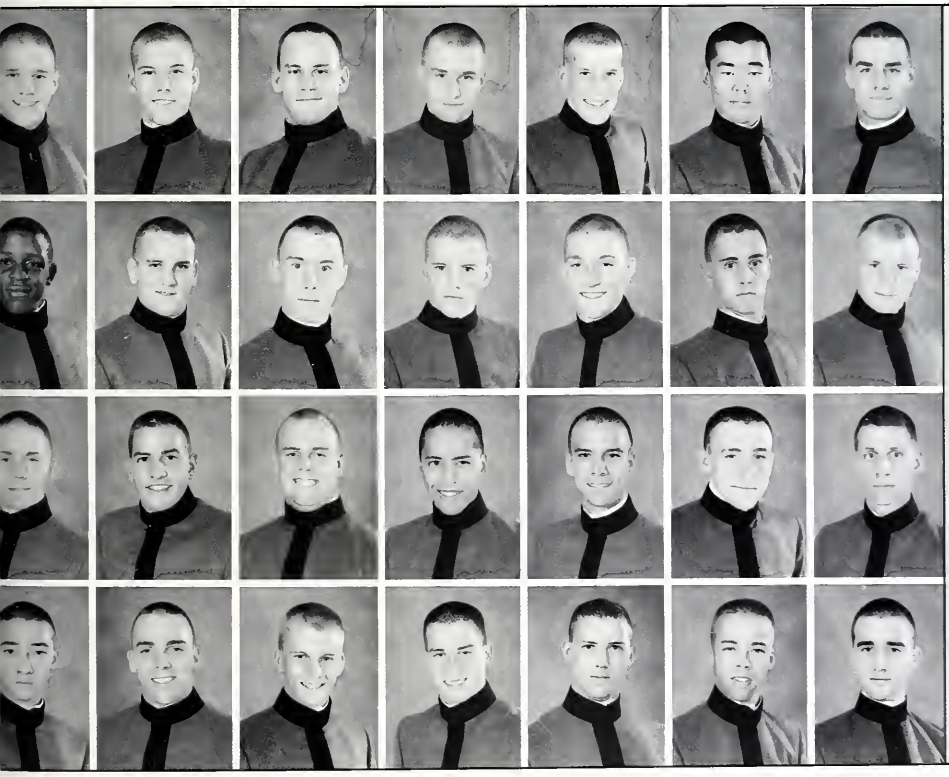


Only at VMI do people take the time to ensure that you are physically strong. This rat is hoping that he will make this stoop run.

Around and around they go, when the music stops its playtime. The Institute's way of breaking in new boots is the stoop run.



Candid Color Photography



Joseph Doyle
Wade Dunford
Andrew Dunnington
William Eger
Sean Ellis
Thomas Engel
Louis Esposito

Lakei Evans
David Fall
Ryan Feeney
Eric Fegley
Michael Fellows
Jason Fore
Jay Ferriola

James Fimbach
Doug Fisher
David Fleck
Richard Fontanilla
Alfredo Franco
Linden Fravel
Mark Fulk

Chris Fuller
Keith Fuller
Richard Gamerill
Ronald Garber
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Jon Gaskins
Todd Glasser

BARRACKS

The Challenge of Barracks

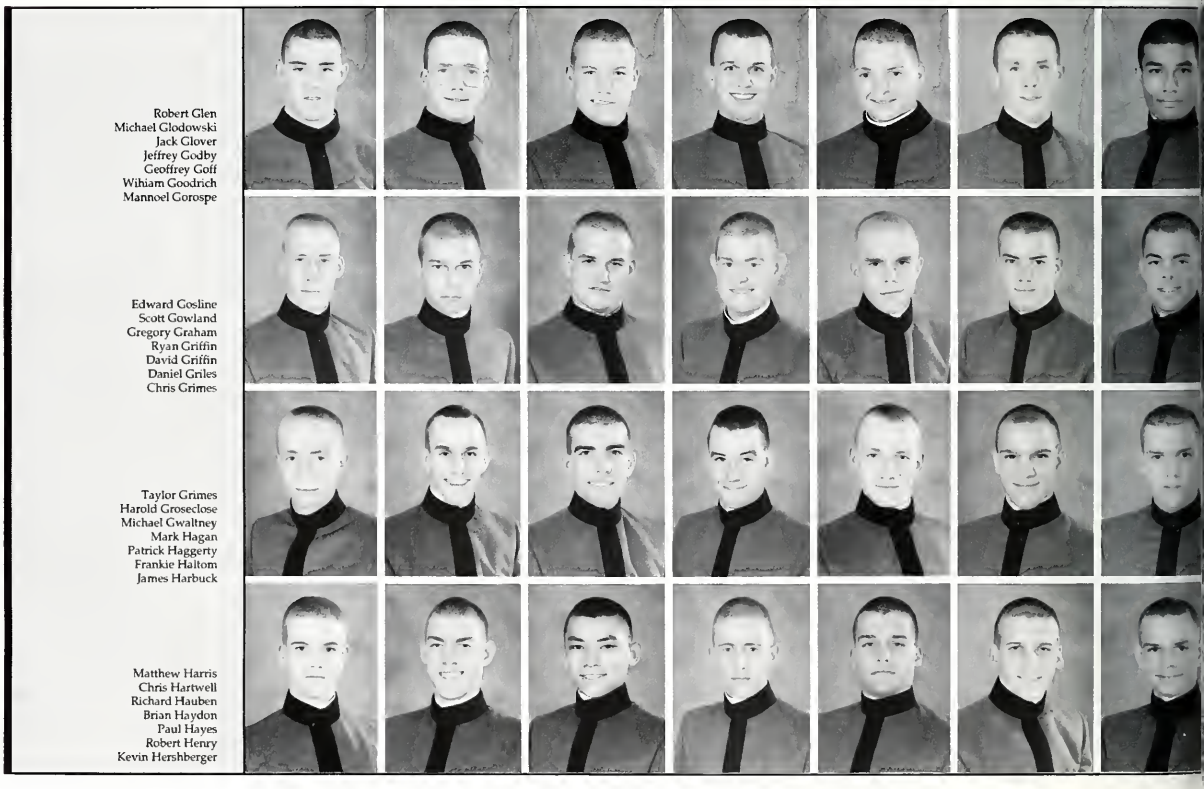
Barracks life made VMI different from any other institution of higher learning. As cadets, we lived under the barracks system. We had to keep our rooms immaculate and staring down the paths set for us in the barracks. Barracks had its ups and downs. For instance, sally port. Going up those stairs provided a challenge every day. Bad times and problems aside, barracks is where we developed our close relationships with our brother rats and started the lifelong friendships that we will cherish.

Cleaning rooms was a daily ritual. All day long our rooms had to stay immaculate.



John Zackrison

John Zackrison



Robert Glen
Michael Glodowski
Jack Glover
Jeffrey Godby
Geoffrey Goff
Wihiam Goodrich
Mannoel Gorospe

Edward Gosline
Scott Gowland
Gregory Graham
Ryan Griffin
David Griffin
Daniel Griles
Chris Grimes

Taylor Grimes
Harold Groseclose
Michael Gwaltney
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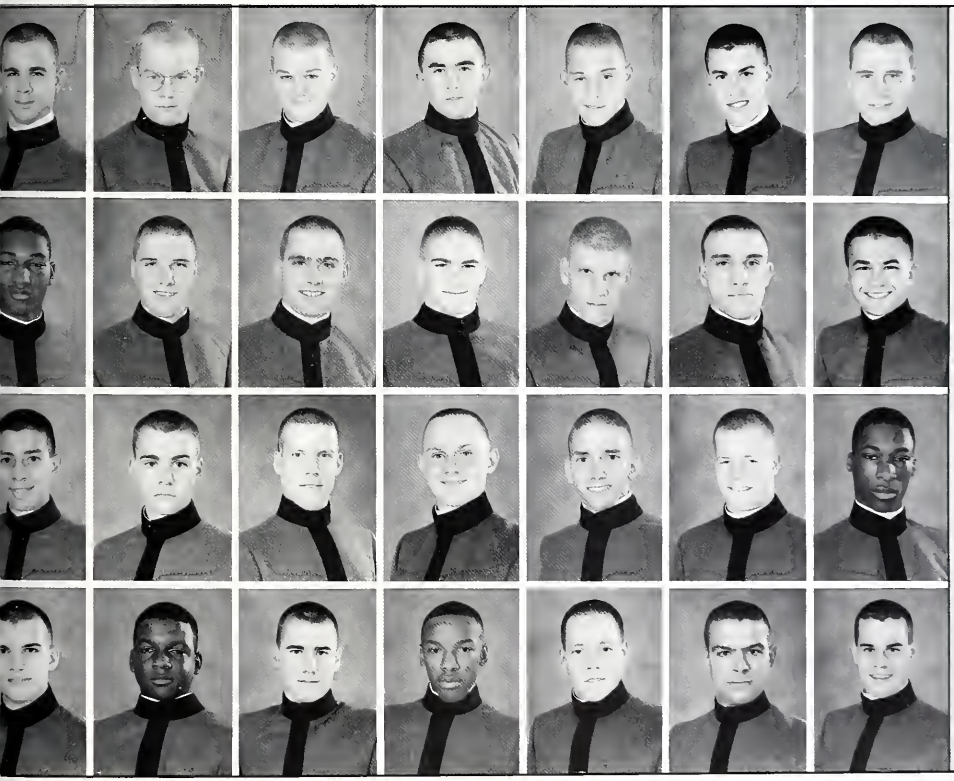


Hitting the Rat X for a late night snack was a way to break the monotony of each day.

Shane Grizzard

Getting sent up by the Sally Port Geeks was part of what makes a day a bad one.





Kevin Hoffer
J. D. Holden
Travis Homiak
John Hopkins
Chris Hoskins
Thomas Hoskins
John Howland

Jeffrey Hubbard
Marlin Ikenberry
Merlin Ikenberry
Jeremy Ingram
Jeffrey Jackson
Raymond Jaklitsch
Kenneth Jambor

Anthony Jaso
Johnathon Jenkins
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RAT BIBLE

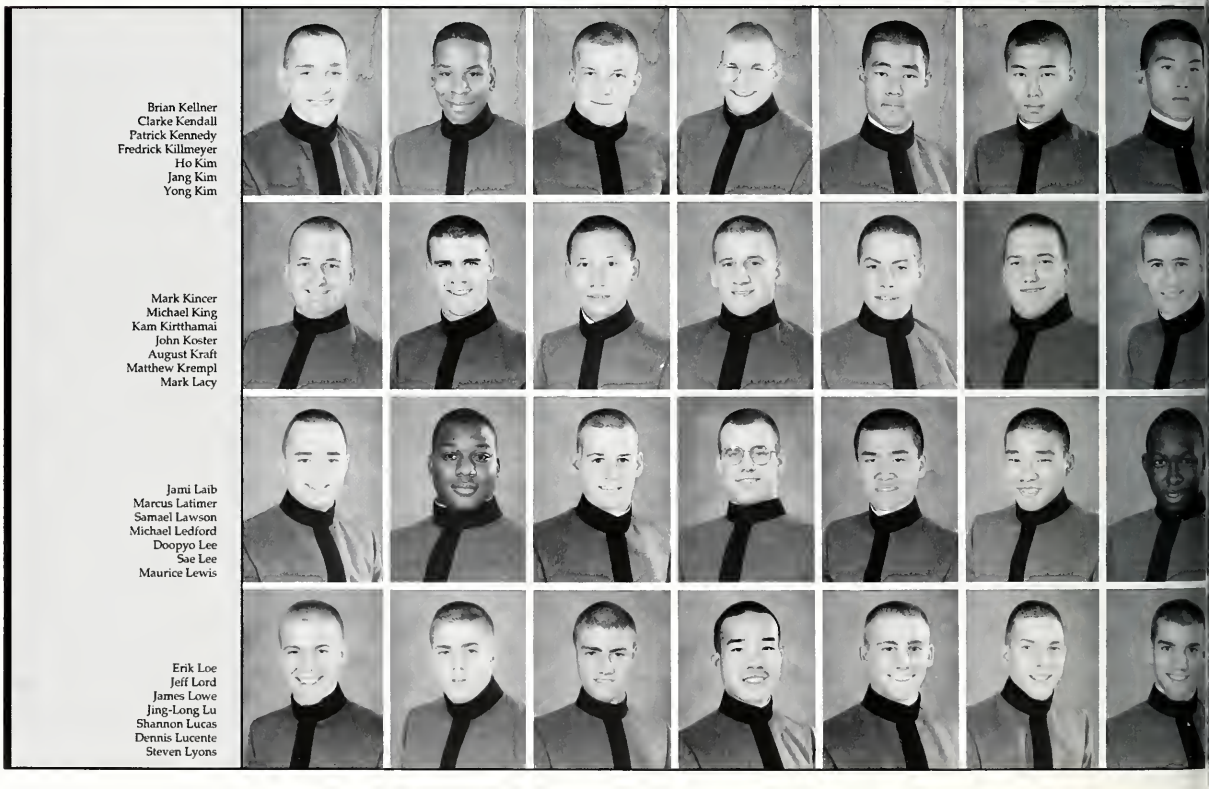
The Source of Wisdom

The rat Bible, aka the Bullet, was one the most prized possessions of the rat. Contained within is all the knowledge necessary to understand some of the history of the Institute and other important knowledge that every cadet should know. One of the highlights of cadre week was the issuing of rat bibles. Here we learned the importance of them and the proper way to hold them.



Shane Grizzard

Meeting the RDC and receiving one's Rat Bible (The Bullet) is an intense experience. This year the Bullets were distributed in the sinks in an insane fashion.



Brian Kellner
Clarke Kendall
Patrick Kennedy
Fredrick Killmeyer
Ho Kim
Jang Kim
Yong Kim

Mark Kincer
Michael King
Kam Kirtthamai
John Koster
August Kraft
Matthew Krempl
Mark Lacy

Jami Laib
Marcus Latimer
Samael Lawson
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Dennis Lucente
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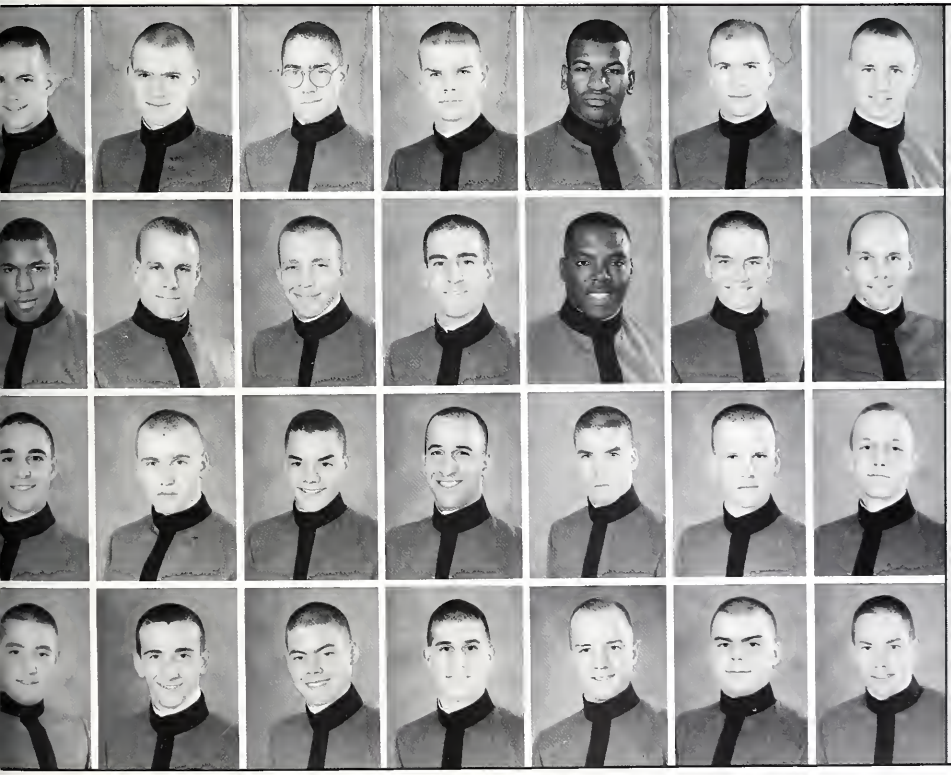
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Keith Frantz rips into a rat as he distributes Rat Bibles. Said rat is wishing he was in Kansas.

Doug Vincent and Shawn Turner play tag team with this hapless rat as he experiences the RDC and the sinks.



Shane Grizzard



Donald Maiden
Stuart Mallory
David Martin
Brett Matthews
Eric Mattocks
Adam Maurer
Steven May

Johnathan Mayo
WM McBride
John McIntosh
John McLaughline
Bryant McMillian
Quincy Meade
Anthony Meador

Hector Migliacci
Jerzy Mikulski
Terrel Milam
Barry Miller
John Miller
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INITIAL ISSUE

Getting the basics

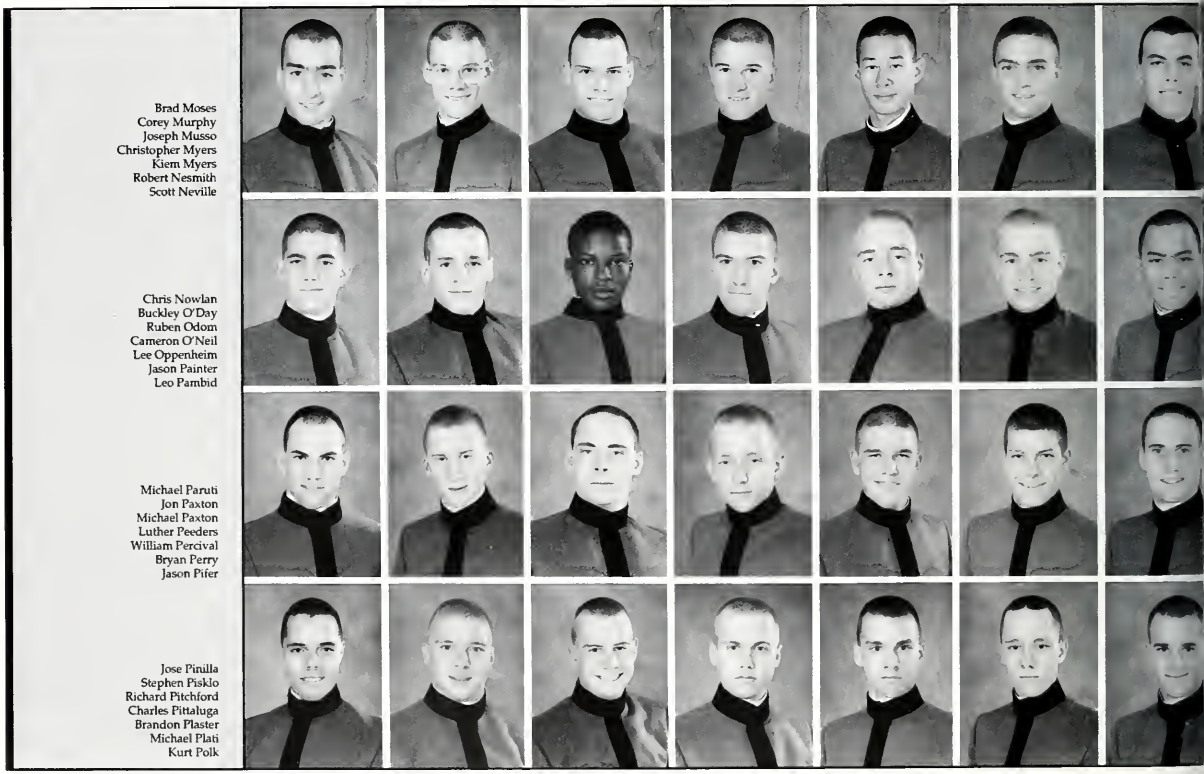
At the initial issue we were given all the clothes, arms, and various items we needed to look like cadets. We also bought our books and class supplies. Every time we were given something, we were motivated to cherish these things. For instance, our books. After we brought our laundry bags down to filled with books, we were "worked out" with the bags. The engineer majors, with their huge engineering and science books, gained a certain respect for the knowledge contained within them.



Shane Grizzard

Cadre shows how they get around the rules by working out the Rats with their rifles and laundry bags.

Shane Grizzard



Brad Moses
Corey Murphy
Joseph Musso
Christopher Myers
Kiem Myers
Robert Nesmith
Scott Neville

Chris Nowlan
Buckley O'Day
Ruben Odom
Cameron O'Neil
Lee Oppenheim
Jason Painter
Leo Pambid

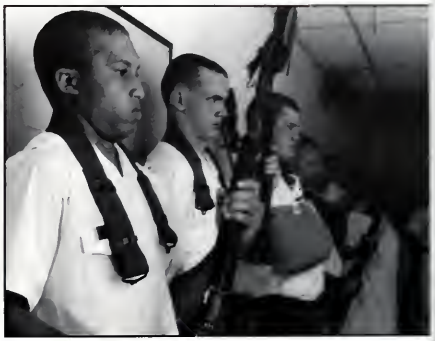
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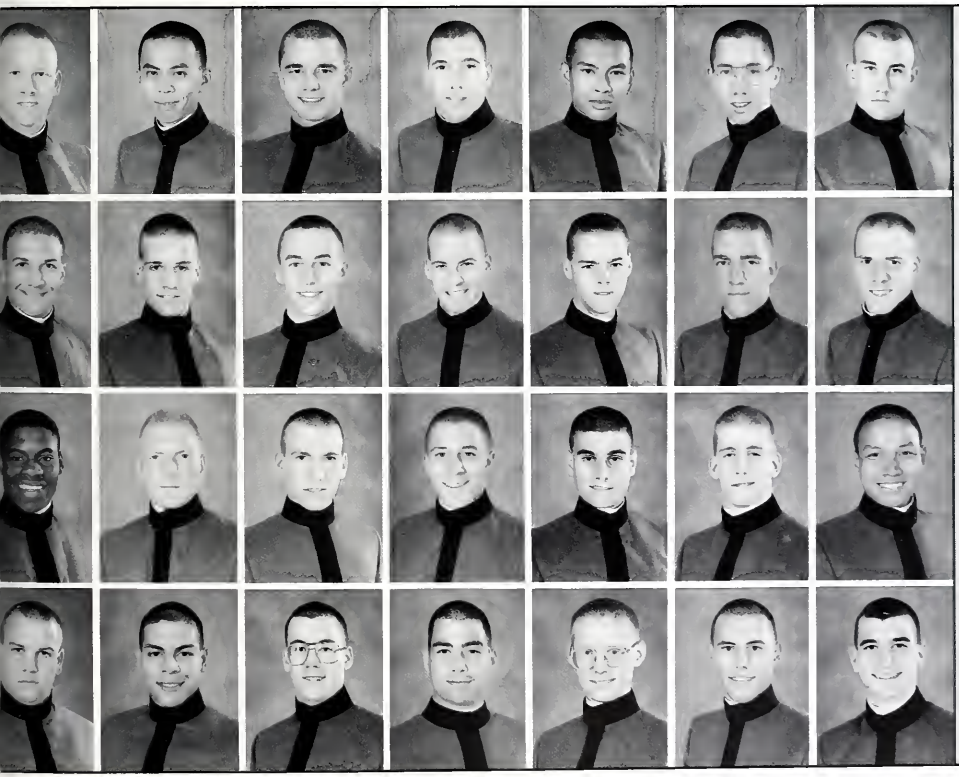


Cadet Lythgoe working on the QMD support staff measuring the rats for their new uniforms.

Rats wait in the concourse waiting for their cadre to move them to the next area as they receive their gear.



Shane Grizzard



Stephen Power
P Pradernchai
Kevin Price
David Procise
Saharat Prompol
Ralph Ragosta
Michael Rainwater

Edward Randall
Kevin Reardon
Matthew Reiner
Peter Resh
Charles Rex
Arie Richards
Brian Richie

Erik Reynolds
Ryan Robbins
Justin Rubino
Todd Rupright
Jeffrey Ryan
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Joshua Senter

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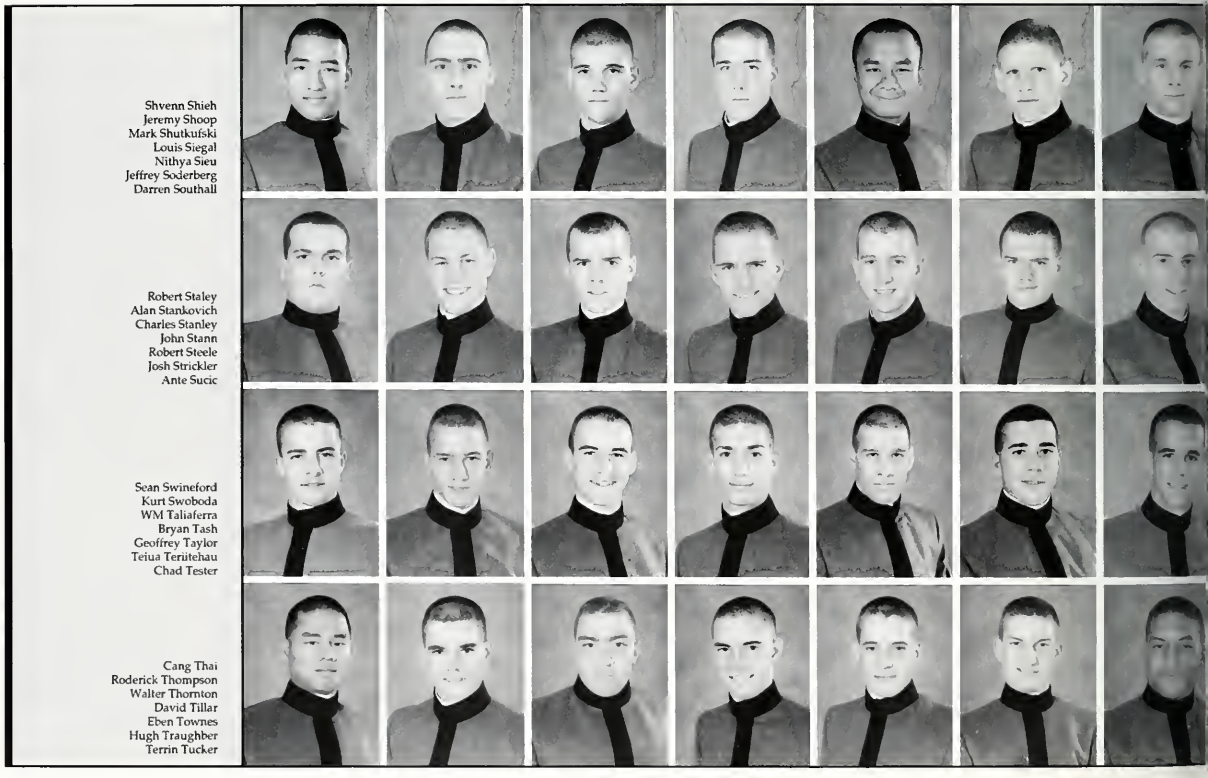
Learning the Basics

One of the most important aspects of cadet life was drill and ceremony. D&C was present in everything we did, from BRC formations to the Friday afternoon reviews. Throughout cadre week, we learned the finer aspects of D&C. The cadre, whose skills were honed to a sharp edge during pre-cadre training, demonstrated with precision the skills we had to learn in order to become part of their corps.



Shane Grizzard

Within four years these Rats will be able to perfectly perform D&C. Till then, their cadre drill them constantly.



Shvenn Shieh
Jeremy Shoop
Mark Shutkufski
Louis Siegal
Nithya Sieu
Jeffrey Soderberg
Darren Southall

Robert Staley
Alan Stankovich
Charles Stanley
John Stann
Robert Steele
Josh Strickler
Ante Sucic

Sean Swineford
Kurt Swoboda
WM Taliaferra
Bryan Tash
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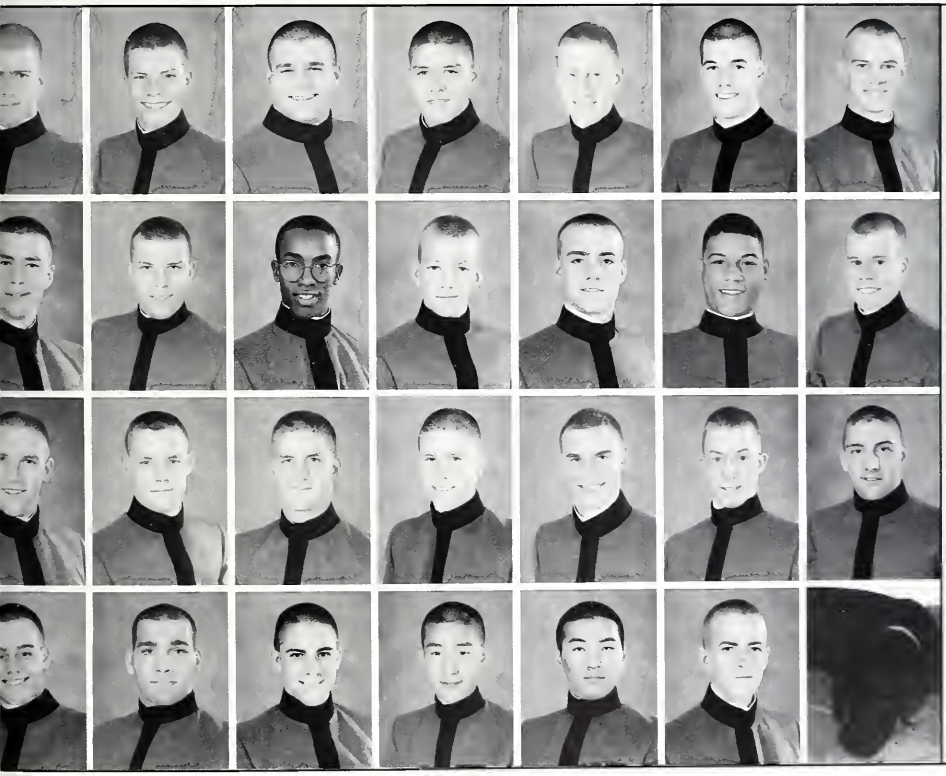
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These rats devote their attention to their cadre instructors during another instruction block during cadre.



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Another instruction block during cadre week. During these blocks the rats are taught the military aspects of VMI.



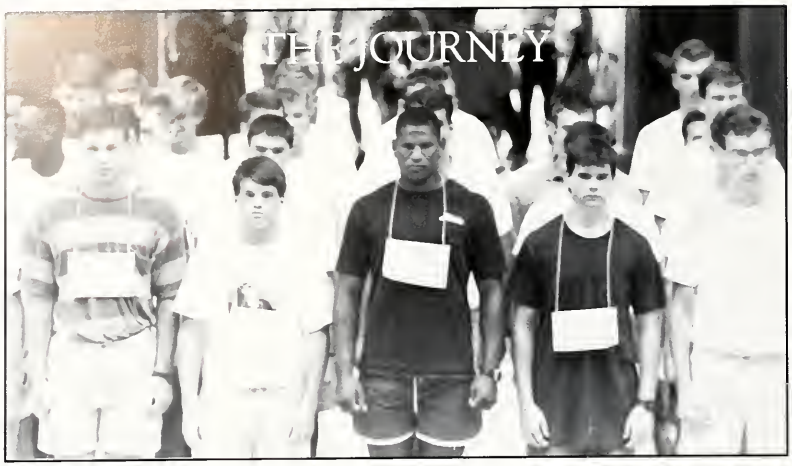
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Andrew Warren
Curtis Webter

Fredrick Werth
Samuel West
Damian Wilborne
Brian Williams
Daniel Williams
Timothy Williams
Christopher Wills

Heath Wilson
Garth Winterle
Mark Womdle
Anthony Woolcottt
Bryan Woolsey
Jeffrey Wright
Gregory Wright

Earl Wyatt
Mark Wysong
Chris Yeatts
Hyosun Yi
Kyung Yi
Michael Young
Amos the dog

THE JOURNEY



Shane Grizzard



Shane Grizzard

The transformation from civilian to rat to VMI man started the day that we walked through the arch. We were all individuals with different social, economic, and cultural backgrounds, but we were destined to become a class. From that first day, we started losing those who could not or did not want to become VMI men. The first step was to make us all look alike, to strip away what we had before coming to VMI. This entailed cutting our hair, issuing uniforms and the rat-bibles, in which everything we needed to become rats is contained. Then the long road to breakout started. We had sweat parties, stoop runs, rifle runs, and other "events." We lived, ate, sweated, and endured the pains of the rat line together. Through this, we developed lifelong friendships and bonds with each other. Then the day we had all awaited since we matriculated, breakout, came. We had finally become a class. This is just the beginning, we look forward to the next three years at VMI.



VMI PIO





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◀Receiving the Rat Bibles before the much needed rat haircuts was a harrowing experience.

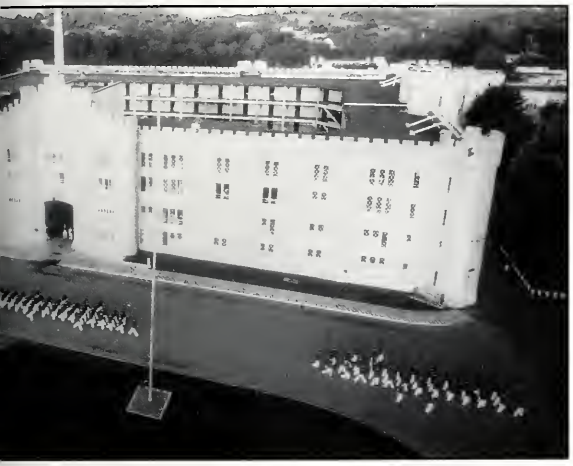


◀Marching through New Market instilled us with tradition and devotion.

Center- The Institute which become our home for four years.

▼A Brother rat puts out for a stoop run. Besides sit ups, pushups were a very popular exercise.

▼▼The culmination of a long, hard rat line, breakout!





Shane Grizzard
CPP



Tom Gnecco



▲With the help of the first class, our journey was made possible.



The hardworking staff of the VMI Cadet in their new headquarters in the old VMI Hospital. Due to their work, the newspaper has been the best seen in years.

CRC

The Cadet Recreation Committee allows cadets to borrow camping gear free of charge. The staff checks out gear and keeps all equipment in good condition. Headed by John Zackrison, this year the CRC has improved its selection of ski equipment. The CRC has camping gear, canoes, kayaks, caving gear, ski equipment as well as numerous other outdoor equipment. In addition to offering outdoor equipment, it offers two CRC weekends each semester to cadets who engage themselves in any outdoor activities.

The members of the 1992 CRC: John Zackrison (President), Matt Lough, Martin Crawford, John Grant, and Creston Long.





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The 1991-92 year for the VMI CADET was one filled with many challenges and accomplishments.

When the staff returned in August, they were faced with the adjustment to new quarters, a lack of layout equipment and little experience. With a strong effort to improve the journalistic quality and with valuable insight from LTC John Leland, the Cadet staff was able to produce a weekly newspaper that was by and far the best the Corps has seen in recent years.

Much needed thanks goes out to the staff members and faculty for all their help. The future of the Cadet is the brightest it has been in years.

The 1992 Cadet waiters staff in front of the newly renovated Crozet Hall.



Cadet Waiters

The Cadet Waiters assist the regular Crozet Hall staff in serving meals to cadets. They rise early for BRC and stay late after SRC. Little thanked for their work, they are always there to serve. The work is worth it, however, once the paycheck rolls in.

The high speed members of the SLI Company take a much needed break from their training schedule.



Karate Club

The karate club is open to all cadets who are interested in learning about karate. Taught by an experienced cadre of cadets who know their craft. They regularly practice their forms during Tuesday and Thursday military duties. They compete against other colleges in the area several times a year.

The Karate Club getting ready for a practice down in Cocke Hall.





SLI Company

Stonewall's Light Infantry company, also known as the VMI Rangers, is an organization of those cadets seeking additional training than that offered in the standard ROTC labs and FTX's.

It consists of all contracted MS cadets in addition to volunteers from all the sister services. This year it was about one hundred men strong and was led by First Classman Jake Carrico and advised by MAJ Bryant. In addition to the regular line platoons, it has an OPFOR/AFOR platoon as well.

The training varies from standard patrolling and battle drills to urban warfare and hand-to-hand combat. In addition to local training exercises, the company utilizes various Army posts in Virginia and in North Carolina. The company has two FTXs each year in order to test the cadets skills. This year, one was an endurance Ranger FTX and the other was an urban warfare simulation. The training is high speed, low drag, and super HUA!

The S-5 Counseling staff hanging out in Doc. Monsour's office.



S-5 Counseling Staff

The S-5 counseling staff consisted of the S-5 Captain, Lieutenants, Sergeants and 13 First and Second-men who returned early for cadre. Under the direction and guidance of COL Monsour and COL Jones, they quietly performed their numerous duties throughout the year. Purposely remaining aloof and distant from cadre activities, the S-5 staff received and calmed rats and, if necessary, out-processed them from VMI. This year was an unusually busy year for them and they performed their duties in an exceptional manner.



VMI Firefighters

The VMI firefighters consists of a group of trained cadets trained to fight forest fires. This year was an active one as they were called out four times. They were lead on two occasions by First Classman John Zackrison and twice by First Classman Chris Bergstol. Their professional attitude was quickly noticed by the Virginia Forestry Department. While fighting the fires they would work upwards of 24 hours before standing down. The effort was well worth it once the LARGE paychecks for their service reached them.

The men of the VMI firefighters. They were called up four times this year to aid in the fighting of fires in the state.



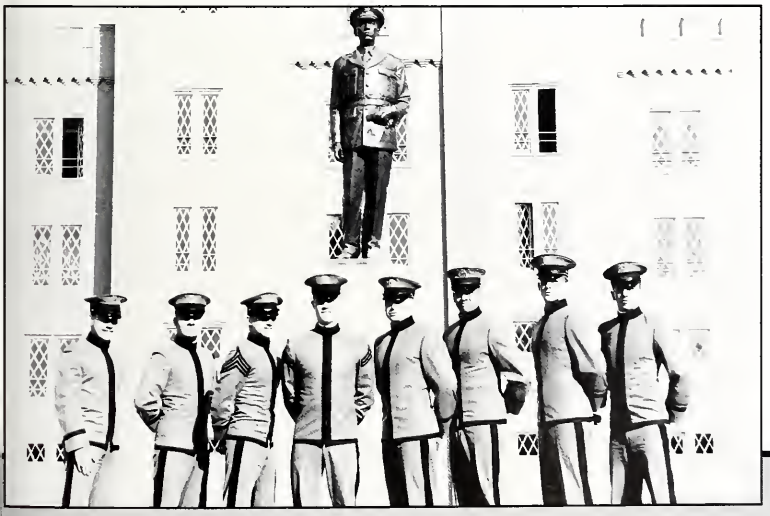


The Bomb Staff

Too much work and too little time describes the pressures of working on the Bomb. Due to a dedicated staff of 10 cadets, with additional help from cadets deputized in times of crisis, the work was accomplished. Working under a $56,000 budget and the restrictions of the Institute; late nighters became all too common as was poor grades and high demerit records.

The staff was completely green, but due to its dedication and perseverance the book was published. Deadlines came and went and work was still to be done. Layouts were completed and then altered, altered, altered. As such, much furlough time was given up in order to meet the deadlines. Throughout the process the staff kept its cool and at times even enjoyed the stress. Cook-outs, beer runs, Dominos pizza and Lee High stops became favorite pastimes. The staff was led by Editor-in-Chief John Zackrison, Business Manager Jon Greenspond, and Managing Editor Tom Gnecco.

The members of the VMI AUSA chapter. The chapter aids Army cadets in professional development and gives an insight into the Army.



AUSA

The Association of the United States Army is open to all Army cadets. It provides Army cadets a chance to learn more about the finest fighting force in the world, the US Army. In addition to professional development, the chapter provides cadets an opportunity to visit the AUSA convention in Washington, D.C. where they are exposed to every aspect of today's Army. AUSA is an organization that these future officers will find themselves an active part of and the early exposure is beneficial to them.



IRC

The International Relations Club promotes a better understanding of world politics. It is open to all cadets although it is favored by IS majors. The main activity is participation in model United Nations during the year. This year they have organized a model United Nations for high school students of the area. In addition to this work, they aid the IS department with various seminars throughout the year. They currently reside in their new study area in the bottom of Scott Ship Hall.

The International Relations Club members for the 91-92 academic year. The club is lead by Second Classman Sean Wilson.





VMI Theatre

The VMI Theatre is an extracurricular cadet activity devoted to offering cadets the opportunity to participate in theatre. The staff, actors, and stage crews consist of cadets and locals from the Lexington area who donate their time and skills for each production. This year the theatre produced The Importance of Being Earnest, Dracula, Tom Sawyer, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. These productions helped make the 91-92 season one of the best in the 21 year history of the VMIT. The VMI Theatre is supported by appropriations from the Cadet Activities Fund and private donations to the VMI Foundation, Inc., Billy "Possum" Colonna, '14, Theatre Fund.

The members of the Officers Christian Fellowship at VMI.



OCF

Officers Christian Fellowship is composed of Christians from all branches of the military united by a vision of giving our services for Christ. As a peer group ministry, it focuses on the Officer Corps. OCF at VMI is principally made up of cadets pursuing a commission, but friends and prayer partners are welcomed. Our OCF group is headed by Col. Hammond and Mrs. Hammond.

The Glee Club performing its Christmas Carrols in the courtyard show.



The Newman Club.

The Newman club is open to all cadets. It allows for cadets to become involved in the local Catholic community. Every Saturday, all cadets can attend evening mass at the local Catholic church and afterwards have supper there. The Newman club ensures that men who desire to attend Catholic Mass will be able to.

The Newman Club takes a break at their meeting place to take a picture for the fabulous 1992 VMI BOMB.





Glee Club

The Glee Club has long been one of the best opportunities for cadets to escape the stress of Institute life. It is where we can go to make some lasting friendships, meet young ladies, travel the country, laugh, relax, meet some more young ladies, and even do a little singing. It has added an extra dimension to our VMI education.

Unlike most colleges, VMI has no music program and the Glee Club does not recruit. In fact, most of us can't even read music! We're just a bunch of shower singers that like to perform.

This is possible because of the direction we receive from Captain John C. Hickox and the assistance of Colonel Leroy Hammond. Our Captain can weave a spell from our odd assortment of voices and create a magic that leaves the crowds happy and the Glee Club awed. He makes us more than the sum of our individual "talent".

Brothers, sing on!

Members of the Arnold Air Society stand before Jackson statue. VMI's AAS squadron is named in honor of USAF Major Jefferson Scott Dotson, VMI Class of 1966.



Arnold Air Society

The Arnold Air Society is a private, professional, honorary service organization of Air Force cadets. Its objectives are to aid in the development of Air Force officers, and to support aerospace power and its role in national security.

VMI's AAS squadron is named in honor of USAF Major Jefferson Scott Dotson, VMI Class of 1966. Major Dotson's aircraft was lost over Vietnam in August of 1969. Among his decorations are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and 11 Air Medals.

The artillery men of the Corps take time off from cleaning the guns.



International Club

Since the international club's glorious inception four years ago, the club has grown to over sixty members. The club has been very active in providing social functions for its members. In addition, the club also provides opportunities to participate in cultural events at other colleges. Hopefully, the club will continue to expand and provide more activities for members.

The International Club led by President Chein-Feng Yu.





Cadet Battery

The Cadet Battery is composed of cadets interested in the artillery field. They receive instruction from CPT Gary A. Morgan in the traditional tactics of artillery. One FTX per semester allowed cadets in the Battery to participate in a few live-fire exercises with a real artillery battery.

Besides the academic side of the Cadet Battery, the members of the Battery are charged with the giving of cannonades to ranking officers and officials who visit VMI. They fulfilled this duty several times during the academic year. The Cadet Battery is sponsored by the VMI Army ROTC detachment.

The VMI Road Runners pause for a photo before taking off to run some more in order to finish their mandatory forty miles a week.

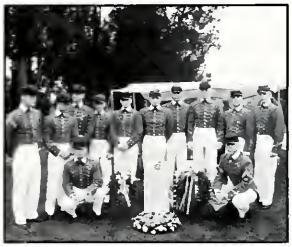


VMI Roadrunners

To many people, running over forty miles a week and competing in grueling 26 mile marathons does not sound like much fun, but these endeavors are business as usual for the VMI road runners. They represented the "I" this year in both the Marine Corps and Richmond Martathons, the Army 10-miler, and at various other 10ks and half-marathons. They have continued to represent the Institute as a club sport which has established itself as a VMI tradition. It's advisor this year is GySgt Reed.

▼ The CWRT re-enacting at New Market battlefield.





▲ The CWRT participating at the formal burial of Cadet Stanard.

▶ A motley crew relaxes at their camp-site.



Timmons Music Society

The Timmons Music Society is a collection of Renaissance men imbued with a love of classical music. These gents are constantly seeking to expand their cultural horizons by attending concerts, operas, and plays. They enjoy these festivities with as many cultured femmes as possible and always endeavor to keep the mood spirited.

The Timmons Society hanging out in the Timmons room and listening to some oldies but goodies.





Civil War Round Table

The Civil War Roundtable is composed of men of the Corps interested in preserving the heritage of the Civil War. This year, members attended battle reenactments at Stanardsville, Cedar Creek, and New Market. The club is also responsible for the yearly Rat orientation at New Market to instill the VMI Spirit into the new Rats. On the academic side, the club sponsored lectures by recognized historians to help round out the members knowledge of the Civil War time period.

The motivated Marines of the Semper Fi society.



Semper Fi Society

The Semper Fidelis Society is a club organized under the Naval ROTC unit whose purpose is to promote professional understanding and education for men pursuing a commission in the Marine Corps. This year, the club sponsored various speakers, trips to Marine Corps bases, and a weekly film series. This year's officers included: Frank Harrar (Pres), Matt Lough (Vice Pres), Rick Barnes (S-1), Hans Sylvester (S-2), Tom Ripley (S-3), Craig Price (S-4), Mac Crumrine (S-5) and Maj. Chase (Fac Ad.)

The English Society hanging out in the Daniel's den.

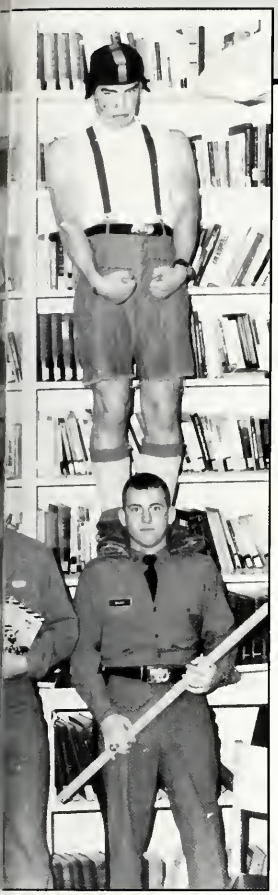


IEEE

The VMI chapter of the Institute of the Electrical and Electronic Engineers does more than just provide VMI Electrical Engineers with the opportunity to join a professional engineering society. The group, under the guidance of its loyal advisor, COL Richard Skutt, provides its members with opportunities to attend weekly IEEE chapter meetings in Roanoke and to participate in the annual IEEE Southern Conference. The club was led by President Bill Berry and Vice-President Shannon Terhune.

The members of the IEEE chapter at VMI.





English Society

Bringing guest lecturers to VMI, showing films, sponsoring trips, and being thrown through plate glass windows are just a few of the events put on by this year's English Society. The society is advised by Ltc. Baragona and led by co-presidents Frank Harrar and Keith Peloquin. The English Society provides an outlet for the closet Shakespears and undercover Hemmingways by introducing cultural events to an otherwise conservative environment. Also, for those English majors with no sense of direction, the society sponsors a career series in which English major Alumni return to speak about their particular career field. The society's hangout is the Daniels Den where the members participate in everything besides studying. The most well-known activity of the society is its year end party.

The Spirit Squad leads the Corps in motivation at homecoming game.



The Spirit Squad

The Spirit Squad is composed of VMI cadets and students from Mary Baldwin College. Its purpose is to cheer on VMI sports teams at football and basketball games. It was the focal point at the Pep Rallies held inside of barracks. A favorite part of the squad, to the Corps, was the infamous VMI Spirit which would roam the stoops like a Specter of Death.

Eta Kappa NU

Established in 1904, Eta Kappa Nu is the International Honor Society for Electrical Engineers. Eligibilty is determined by scholarship, personal character, voluntary services, and distinguished accomplishments. The members for the 91-92 year were David Soldow, Shannon Terhune, and Bill Berry.

The few members of the elite society of the Eta Kappa Nu.





Tannenbaum Jihad

The night was dark, the air was cold. Eleven men entered, or so I'm told, with all the Corps nestled snug in their hays, dreaming of the tree, all set ablaze. The Tannenbaum Jihad was all in their places, with masks on their heads, and grins on their faces. Suddenly, there was an ominous THUD, the sentinel had been hit by a flying UB. When the guard team hurried to see what the heck, Bausch-man and Engstrom threw them to the deck. Next, Lyle and Minnegrode leapt up to the tree to cut at the wires and set the thing free. While Mazzei and Cherry fought off the guard, down came the tree and hit the ground hard. As Hua and Sleestack opened the gate, Bigbird ran in to help with the escape. Running out the arch and shutting the gate, they took the tree to its dubious fate. Throwing it in a car with Weatherman and Ott, they drove the tree off to an undisclosed spot. Then that very next night, for all to see, they gathered at McKethan to LIGHT THE TREE!

The First Class members of ASCE.



ASCE

The V.M.I. chapter of The American Society of Civil Engineers consists cadets in the civil engineering curriculum. Guided by faculty advisor Ltc. Jack Page, the purpose of the V.M.I. chapter is to provide an insight into what civil engineers do through speakers, field trips, and dinners. All cadets will remember seminar speakers who spoke on topics ranging from caissons to "how to rent an apartment". No First Classmen forgot the trip to Barger's quarry led by Captain Erchul.



Promaji Club

The Promaji Club was founded in 1972 by the first group of black cadets to matriculate in 1968. There was a great deal of social movement at that time and the black cadets felt they needed an organization that would help the rest of the Corps to better understand the differences and similarities between the men of the "I." From that idea, the Promaji club was founded. Promaji, meaning "togetherness" is Swahili, also opens a channel of communication between black cadets and the administration.

The Promaji club specializes in the promotion of black awareness at VMI.





Hop and Floor

Hops are a treasured experience for the Corps. This experience is heightened by the hard work and determination for the members of the Hop and Floor Committee. The Hop and Floor Committee is assigned the task of making every hop memorable. They have the duties of setting up the stage for the band, decorating the interior of Cocke Hall and setting up the chairs inside for distinguished guests and tired dancers.

Every week before hops, all the members of the committee meet daily of military duty. During this time they set up the stage, and red and yellow streamers and add additional lights to the Hall.

Their hard work pays off every time as can be seen by the enjoyment on cadets' and dates' faces during the Hops.

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Society of the Tin

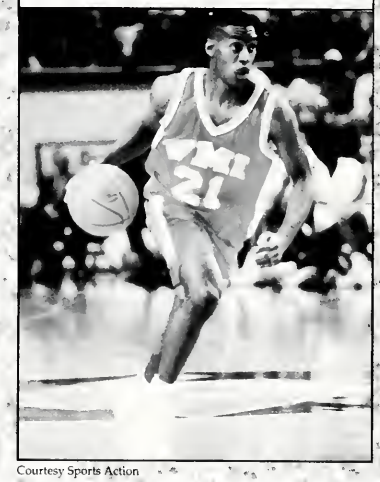
There is a large number of the Corp that are members of this elite club. Their day is spent looking for their brethren that still have a dip or two left in their cans. Their morale is dependent upon the price and date of manufacture of the dip in the PX. Some were members before matriculation but many joined up upon entry into the I. They are despised by the janitors and the like.

SPORTS

Making a Mark

The 1991-92 season was a very exciting one for VMI sports. There were many resounding victories and some losses, and through it all the Keydets conducted themselves courageously and fairly. We look for the next season to be even more spectacular and exciting.

GO BIG RED!



Courtesy Sports Action



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Grizzard

KICKING THE COMPETITION

SOCCER

It was a rough year for VMI soccer. The team finished up fourth altogether in the conference, ahead of the Citadel. Fortunately, the team had a few monumental victories to carry them through the off-season workouts. For the first time in eight years VMI beat the Citidel bull dogs. They also defeated their neighboring arch-rivals, the Washington and Lee Generals. After the game, the VMI trainer passed the ball of shame along to the Generals as is tradition with this prestigious game.

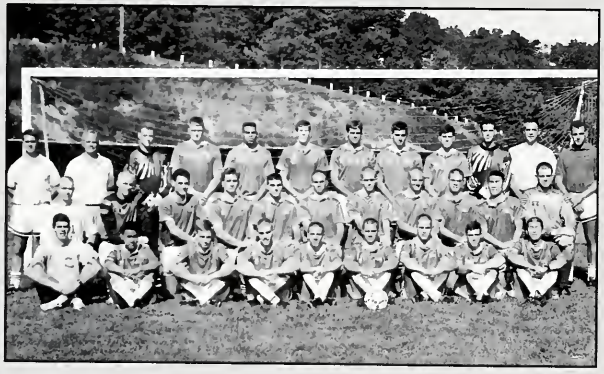
Although this recent season had its share of disappointments, next season should prove to be successful with the leadership and talent of such returning players as Sebastian Moureau and Russel Rutter. The loss of the First Classmen Courtney Lambert, Alex Alston, and Matthew Ott will be a hard blow to the team but with talent, pride, and the excellent leadership of coach Ross the team should pull through.

After the season, five players were honored at the Southern Conference Banquet. First Classmen Courtney Lambert and Matthew Ott and Third Classmen Russel Rutter were named to the Second Team All-Conference while First Classman Alex Alston and Third Classmen Sebastian Moureau were named to the First Team All-Conference.

The First Classmen Alex Alston, Matthew Ott, Courtney Lambert, Eddie Davis, and Scott McKenna would like to thank their Coach Steve Ross and wish their teammates good luck next season.

By Alex Alston





The 1991-92 soccer team.





Rat Dameron fights for ball control.



Shane Grizzard

Lambert and Ott race to the ball



Shane Grizzard



Alex Alston moves the ball past a defender.

HARD HITTING

FOOTBALL

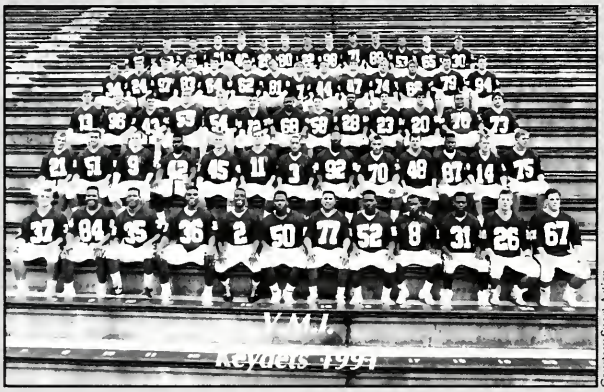
After a dissapointing 4-7 1991 season, Head Coach Jim Shuck changed his philosophy and looked for experience to lead the team to victory. With First Classmen such as Marcus Mines, Scott Council, Curtis Mason, and team captain Dwayne "Jap" Ross, the team would certainly have experience in their favor.

The campaign began with the motto of "Pride, Poise, and Team." The gridders started off with an extremely impresive 3-1 record, with the three wins resulting in the blowouts of East Tennessee State, Richmond, and LaFayette and the loss to Appalacian State, the eventual conference champions, by only three points. At this point, the Kedets were riding on the legs of the most dangerous trio in the country--Quarterback Tony Scales and Runningbacks Marcus Mines and Scott Council. Under the wishbone backfield, the team led the country in running offense after three games. Of course all the credit cannot be given to only these three players, as they ran through the tremendous holes opened by the Senior guard and tackle combo Jeff Ziegler and Mike Foesh and by the eventual All-State center Lorenzo Carpenter. Although the defensive side had some soft spots, it consisted of a hard-hitting group. In the "House of Pain" were senior tackles Mike Perfetti and Dap Tillery, defensive end Cris Keever, and strong safety Todd Washington. The team received support from juniors Ray Flowers, Dwayne Arkadie, and the multi-talented Tony Woods.

After their three enthusiastic wins, the team went into a hard felt five game slump. The losses were extremely



Courtesy Sport Action



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The 1991-92 Football Team.

VMI		Opponent
35	East Tennessee	20
19	Appalachian State	24
42	Lafayette	21
38	Richmond	27
28	Furman	46
26	William and Mary	40
14	The Citadel	17
0	Virginia	42
27	Western Carolina	25
0	Marshall	61
14	U. T. /Chattanooga	50

CCP



The Keydet defense crushes a running-back



Tony Scales looks downfield for a receiver.





Coach Davis advises a player.

dissapointing as it weakened the team's playoff bids. Pride, and especially talent, enabled the team to win their remaining three games of the season. As the season came to a close there was basically nothing to do but to look forward to the talent in the returning players. These players are: Camillus Musselman, Chris Meecham, Rob Gill, and Kevin Reardon. With such upcoming talents as this and other players on the team the 1992 season should prove to be an exciting and successful one indeed.

By Curtis Mason

SLUGGING AWAY

BASEBALL

America's sport — Baseball. This game has filled the minds of men and boys of hitting homeruns and making last ditch catches since its conception. Unfortunately, these were only dreams for the Keydet baseball team this year. Though their effort was gallant nothing seemed to go the Keydet's way this year. Starting with a very green and inexperienced team they could not expect much success to begin with. With one of the worst records in recent years, the VMI baseball team is looking to the bench and incoming players to supplement the returning veterans of this year. Also, there will be a change in the coaching staff for next year.

The major point of focus for next year will be to increase the depth of the bull pin. Also, the club will be looking for more heavy hitters to start knocking the ball out of the park. If these two aspects of the team are strengthened thoroughly enough, next season should prove to be quite successful.

By John Craft



Shane Grizzard

Shane Grizzard



A Keyet looks to steal a base.

1991-92 SEASON

Feb. 14	Florida State
Feb. 22	UVA
Feb. 29	Mary Washington
Mar. 2	Va. Tech
Mar. 17	JMU
Mar. 22	Furman
Mar. 28	The Citadel
Apr. 4	ETSU
Apr. 11	Ga. Southern
Apr. 23	SC Championships



Shane Grizzard



Shane Grizzard

Running at the crack of the bat.



Delivering a fastball pitch.



Shane Grizzard

This batter connects solidly with the ball. Could it be a homerun?



A little conference on the mound.

HOLE IN ONE

GOLF

FORE! This shout rang over the green as the Keydets took to the golf courses this season. The team had many wins but also had its share of hard fought losses. A bright spot that will remain in many people's memories for years to come is the hole-in-one achieved by Second-Classmen Trey Petty earlier in the season. The team looks forward to a successful season next year with several returning veterans and hopeful prospective newcomers.

By John Craft



John Zackrison

The 1991-92 golf team.



WATER STRUGGLE

WATER POLO

Have you ever wondered if there was a sport that combined the elements of swimming, soccer, and basketball? Well, look no further because you've found it — water polo. The VMI water polo team has grown steadily over the past several years and now competes successfully against many other colleges. A key element to water polo is endurance since the players must swim or tread water for four seven-minute quarters in each match. Because of this the team conditions extensively and this has paid off with several big wins during the season. The team expects to lose few players for next year and therefore should have a very successful season next year with many returning upperclassmen.

By John Craft

John Zackrison



Charlie Martin takes another shot on goal

John Zackrison



STICKING IT OUT

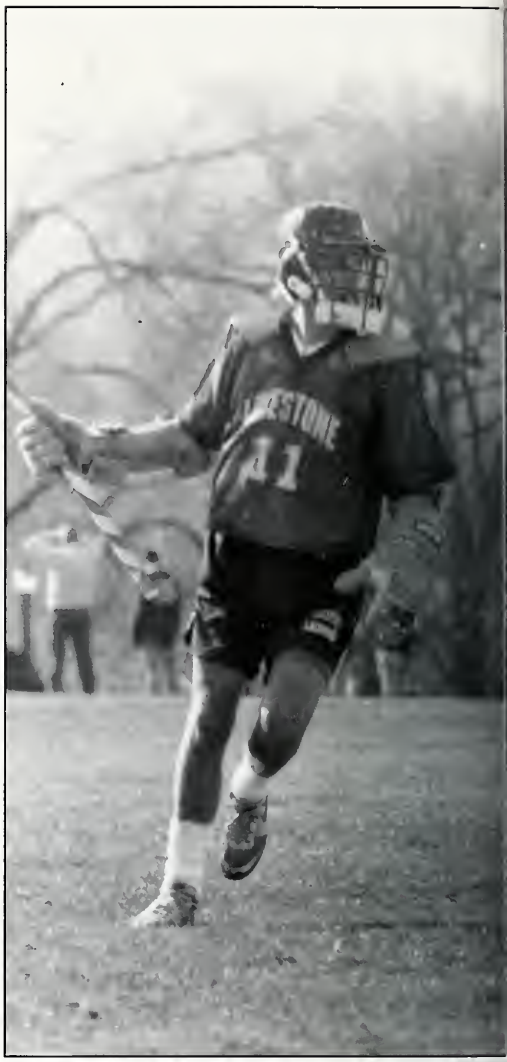
LACROSSE

After graduating seven starters from the 1991 squad, the 1992 VMI Lacrosse team returned this fall recognizing the hard work which lay ahead. Facing a tough spring schedule including UVA, Ohio State, University of Maryland, Air Force Academy, and W&L coaches Doug Bartlett and David Hope emphasized strength and conditioning in the fall and winter to help account for the young teams lack of depth in the spring. By May, the team will be well prepared for its cross town rivals, W&L, in the fifth annual Lee-Jackson Classic.

Returning starters and captains Matt Ott and Bill Berry will anchor the defense as John Williamson will move from midfielder to longstick to help fill the void at defense. Will Pace and Brian Darin will play in the third defensive position. Captain Jim Myers will also move from midfield to head the attackmen at the other end of the field with help from left-hander Dan Delawyer, Sean Alewine, and creasemen Chris Doyle and Mike Peters. At midfield senior Dick Owens and junior Spencer Gill will pose a potent scoring threat while Tim Ervin and Clark Minnigerode will provide the depth. Rats Mike Rainwater and David Johnson also look promising to provide support at the midfielder position. Chris Phelps will face-off and help David Youngclaus at the valuable long-stick midfielder position.

How this young team will perform is hard to predict, but judging by their spirit and enthusiasm this fall and winter, the spring season will be a successful campaign for VMI Lacrosse.

By Bill Berry



Shane Grizzard



The 1991-92 Lacrosse team.

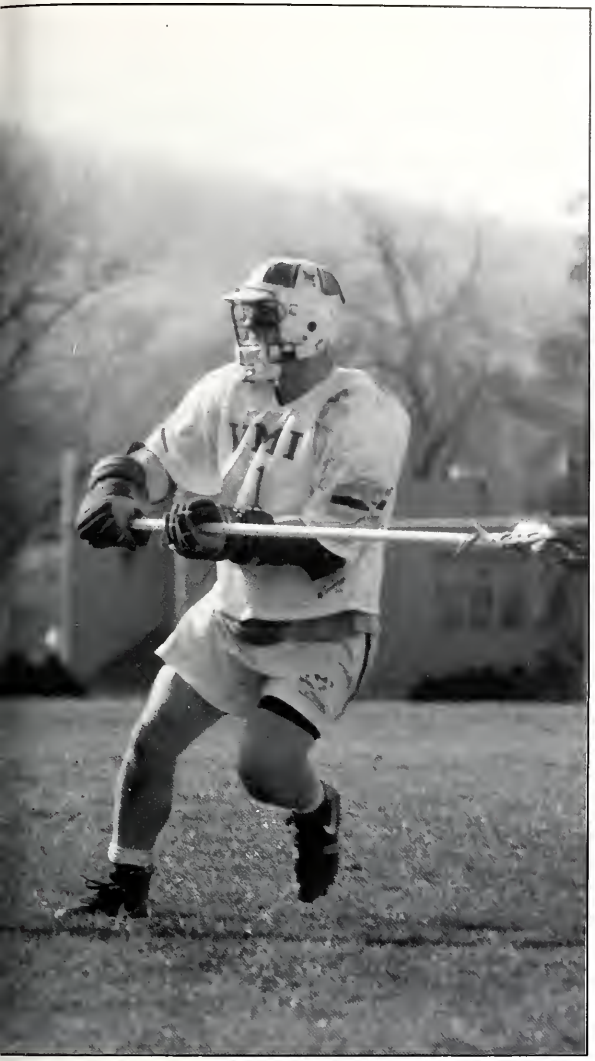
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1991-92 SEASON

Mar. 3	Pfeiffer
Mar. 6	Holy Cross
Mar. 21	Canadian JR. Nationals
Mar. 24	UMBC
Mar. 26	Air Force Acad. Balt.
Apr. 1	Va. Tech
Apr. 6	Radford
Apr. 13	UVA
Apr. 18	Ohio State
Apr. 21	Va. Wesleyan
May. 2	Washington & Lee



Shane Grizzard



A Keydet squares off an oppor



Shane Grizzard





Shane Grizzard

Lax team catches its breath before an exciting play.

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BASKETBALL

The VMI Basketball team started off this season in the usual manner — with little fanfare and few believers that they could pull off a winning season. To the surprise of many, the Keydets exploded with several resounding victories and a few hard fought losses to such top-notch teams as Wake Forest University. The team has shown a great deal of enthusiasm and has worked harder in preparation for this season than many past seasons.

Though the loss of Greg Fitz was a hard blow to VMI Basketball, the team has high expectations with many returning veterans. Amoung these are the spectacular Percy Covington, with his explosive offensive talents, and Sean Spriggs, with his great speed and ball-handling ability. The team will also look to the talents of Juan Banks, Marty Chadwick, Lewis Preston, and Erek Perry to provide for a potent force on the court. Next season looks to be equally promising with many unexpected talents coming from the bench. So come out and support the VMI basketball team — there's always excitement when their around.

By John Craft





The 1991-92 basketball team.

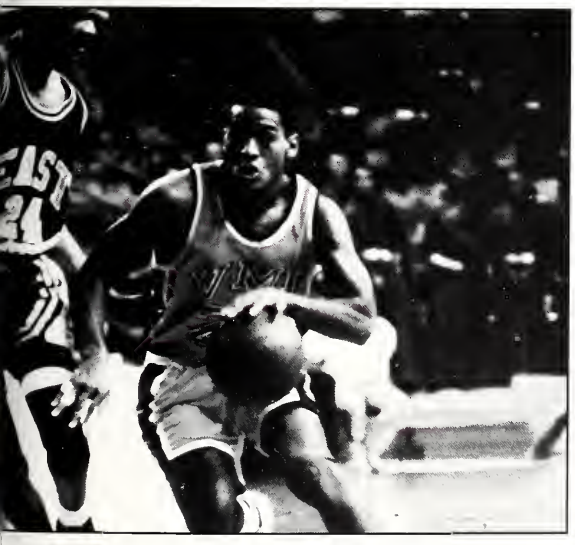
1991-1992 SEASON

Dec. 4	Radford
Dec. 7	Liberty
Dec. 18	Wake Forest
Jan. 8	Richmond
Jan. 11	Western Carolina
Jan. 16	Wintrop
Jan. 18	Marshall
Jan. 29	UNC/Ashville
Feb. 1	Citadel
Feb. 3	Furman
Feb. 18	William & Mary
Feb. 22	Appalachian State
Feb. 24	ETSU
Mar. 6	So. Co. Tournement











MAT WARRIORS

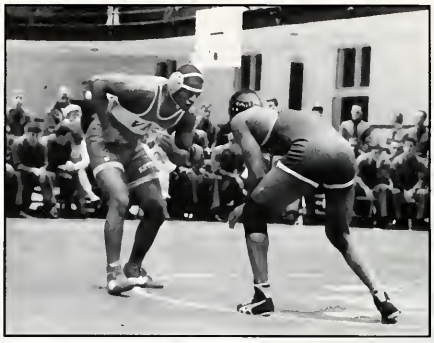
WRESTLING

Once again, the effort of the VMI wrestling team shined as its contenders felt the squeeze of a pumped up line-up. Not all matches fell in our favor, but the effort and determination of the Keydet grapplers was second to none. This makes logical sense if one combines the VMI coaching, the athletic skills of the wrestlers, and the driving desire to win every single point of an exciting season of wrestling. How could we fail with this type of combination? Well, the team did see its share of downs with the ups, but in retrospect the wins definitely outweigh the losses.

The epitome of the excitement on the mats at VMI is quickly seen in the reactions of the viewers. Always on the edge of our seats, everyone truly enjoyed and appreciated the efforts of each and every wrestler on the mats this season.

This season sees the return of many experienced grapplers, including such talents as Jeff Clarke, Robert Browning, Fred Barber, and Eric "Tweedy" Wright. The loss of Jeff Clarke will be a hard one for the Keydet line-up next year but the experience of the remaining wrestlers and the talent of incoming members of the team should make for a winning and exciting season next year.

By Robert Browning



Dave Stokes

Two grapplers face off.

1991-92 SEASON

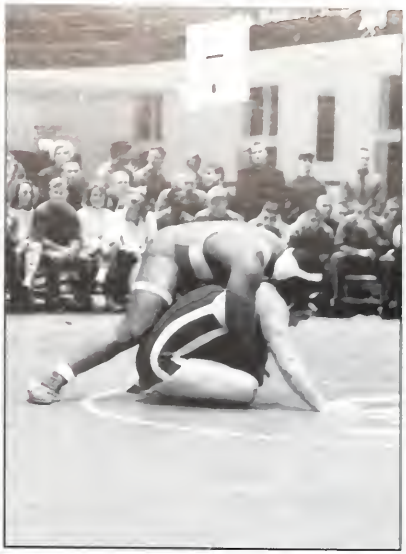
Nov. 10	Keydet Invitational
Nov. 17	East Strudsburg Open
Nov. 23	Bloomsburg Invitation
Dec. 6	William & Mary
Dec. 29	Sunshine Open
Jan. 11	G. Mason Quadrangular
Jan. 18	VA. Intercollegate
Jan. 25	The Citadel
Jan. 28	Liberty
Jan. 31	VA. Tech
Feb. 7	Appalachian State
Feb. 11	James Madison
Feb. 15	Tennessee-Chattanooga
Feb. 22	Clemson / UVA
Mar. 7	SO. CONF. CHAMP.
Mar. 19	NCAA Div. I Champs



Dave Stokes

This wrestler is in a bad position!

Bryan Brown[illegible] prepares to take his opponent to the mat.



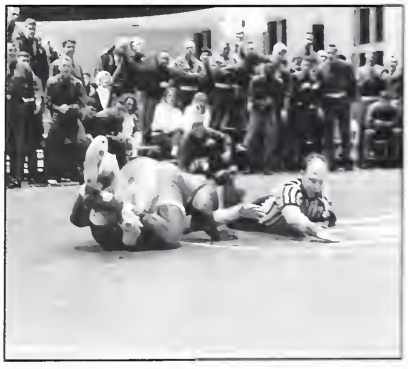
Dave Stokes

Tweedy brakes his opponent down.



Dave Stokes

Tweedy's opponent counts ceiling tiles.



Dave Stokes

Tweedy settles in for the pin.

TREADING WATER

SWIMMING

VMI Swim Team: yeah they're loud, they're obnoxious, and they smell like chlorine- but they win. Finishing the season with a 6-5 record, the Bad-News-Bears of Swimming can boast of a winning record for the second consecutive year. Coach Stephen Ross (of soccer fame) earned his "water" wings with the help of Arnie "aqua wizard" Joyce, Al Levy and Larry "gramps" Watson. Under this new management, and leadership provided by Firstclassmen Jon Walters and Derrick Lapp, the Team turned out consistently excellent performances, improving times each meet, and giving up only one victory at home. With only two members graduating, the Team will have a strong returning foundation for next year. Out of deep appreciation, the VMI Swim Team would like to thank the following for their support: our parents, BRs and friends, Elvis, West Palm Beach, and Ken Duncan-not!

By Derrick Lapp

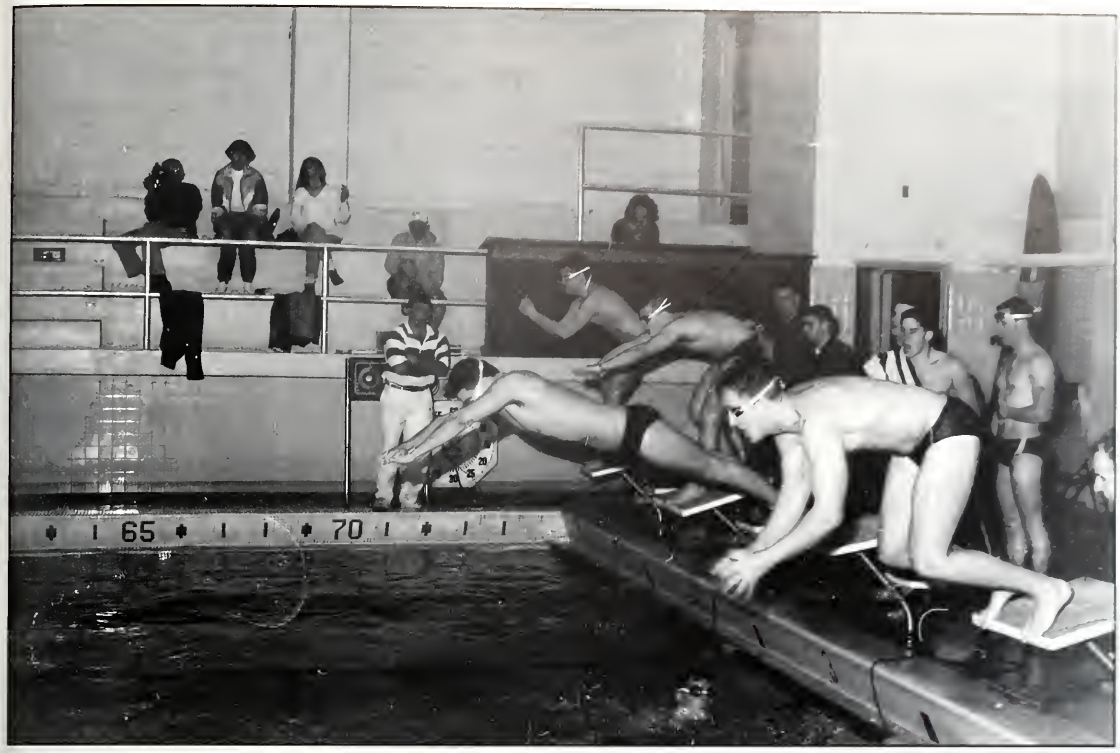
1991-92 SEASON

Nov. 2	Frostburg Relays
Nov. 9	W. Va. Wesleyan
Nov. 16	Fairmont
Nov. 20	UVA
Dec. 4	Washington & Lee
Dec. 7	Loyola
Jan. 11	College of Charleston
Jan. 18	Howard University
Jan. 25	Frostburg
Feb. 5	JMU
Feb. 14	So. States Swimming &
Feb. 16	Diving Competition



John Zackrison

The 1991-92 Swimming Team.



John Jackson

The swimmers explode from the blocks.



John Jackson

Coach Ross and swim team members watch intensely as a relay is going on.

HIGH SPEED

RANGER CHALLENGE

Three teams from VMI went to the Ranger Challenge Brigade competition at Fort AP Hill, and qualified for the Region competition. The Ranger Challenge competition consists of seven graded events: the Army PFT, M16 rifle marksmanship, a Grenade Assault Course, M16/M60 assembly, a one-rope bridge crossing of a water obstacle, orientating, and a 10-kilometer run with full combat equipment. The VMI Black team took first place in the combat patrolling event for the second consecutive year. VMI placed third overall at the Region competition this year, finally edging out long-time rival JMU.

By Mark Girling



Army Dept.

1991-92 Ranger Challenge team

The Black Team sweats it out on the 10K ruck-run.



Army Department



Army Dept.

Some VMI Rangers cross a river via a rope bridge.



Army Dept.

Some VMI Rangers take a break.



Army Dept.

LINE DOWN HERE SCRUM DOWN HERE

RUGBY

Seen by many as a band of twisted, barbaric heathens, the VMI-RFC attempts to redeem itself and obtain some semblance of a favorable reputation. VMI ruggers are dedicated cohorts who "work hard and play hard." Sometimes hard play clouds our hard work and credit isn't given where it's due. Few people understand rugby, much less it's players. Much credit and thanks to those few for their support. Col's Jones, Monsour, Ripley, Mrs. McFerren, and Col and Mrs. Bissell.

The spring of 91 was a victorious one with wins over Navy, Pitt, Radford, Princeton, ODU, and W&L. The fall was less successful with a mere two wins over W&L and Va. Tech. The spring of 92 will see matches vs Ecole Polytechnique, trips to ECU and UVA and the hosting of the 4th VMI Invitational Rugby Tournament.

By Mike Starling



Shane Grizzard

The 1991-92 rugby team.



Shane Grizzard

The Ruggers going for another win.



Shane Grizzard

Keith Franz and Dean Ramsey prepare to crush a West Point rugger.



Shane Grizzard

Mike Starling leaps determinedly for the ball.

AIMING TRUE

RIFLE

The 1991-1992 Rifle Team has high hopes for a very successful season this year under the leadership of second year captain Colby Howard. This past year the team took first place in Army ROTC and the MAC Conference for both ROTC and Air Rifle competition. This years team will be anchored by second classman and top shooter Ed Maynard, plus second Ed Thomlinson and third David Guthrie. Coach of the year Jim Thorp pushed the team to place 20 out of 56 NCAA teams. Competing in matches all along the Atlantic coast, ranging from Florida to Canada, the VMI Rifle Team has swept its competitors aside and again became a dangerous force on the firing line.

By John C. Howard



John Zackrison

The 1991-92 rifle team.



John Zackrison

Riflemen take aim.

1991-92 SEASON

Oct. 12	VMI Invitational
Oct. 26	Norwich
Oct. 27	Mass. Invitational
Oct. 28	Coast Guard Academy
Nov. 9	Xavier University
Nov. 10	Kentucky
Jan. 17	N. C. State
Feb. 1	West Point Invit.
Feb. 2	Drexel University
Feb. 8	SECTIONAL (VMI)
Feb. 15	Mid Atlantic Conf. ROTC Championships
Feb. 22	Southeastern Invitational (VMI)
Feb. 29	Mid-Atlantic Conf.



John Zackrison

This shooter takes aim with deadly concentration.



John Zackrison







ON TARGET
PISTOL

The 1991-92 pistol team expected to have an excellent season and we did. Though we felt a few defeats they were minor in comparison to the victories over our opponents. The team looks good for next year both in skill and depth. Many of our shooters have achieved national recognition and one even has a chance of reaching the Goodwill Games. So overall the Pistol team has had an excellent year.

By John Craft



The 1991-92 pistol team.

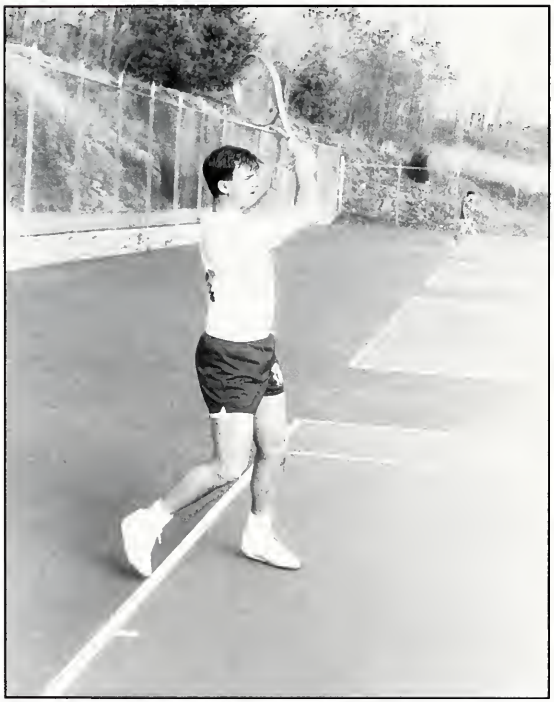
DETERMINATION

TENNIS

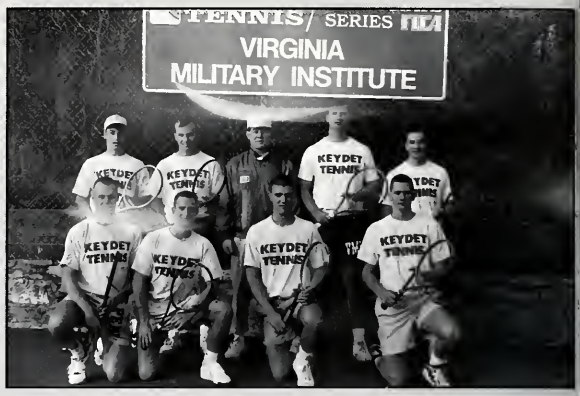
The tennis team finished with an excellent fall season with a record of 8-1. With the leadership of the four upperclassmen: team captain Erik Marechal, second classmen Chris Davila and John Guggenheimer, and third classman Peter Lawrence, along with the hard work of the rats: Jolyon Constable, Jamie Lowe, Kurt Polk, and Kurt Swoboda, the team should finish the season very strong. The team faces a tough schedule in the Spring. It will be a tough task to meet the goal of placing in the top four in the Conference tournament, but the team, especially Coach Ken Alrutz, feels that this goal can and will be met.

By Eric Marechal

Dave Stokes



Eric Marechal practices his forehand swing technique.



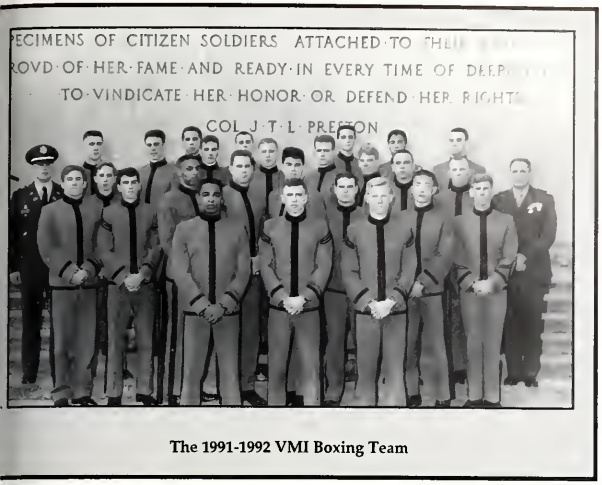
Dave Stokes

The 1991-92 tennis team.



Dave Stokes

John Guggenheimer returns a serve.



The 1991-1992 VMI Boxing Team

Mr. Bruce

GOLDEN GLOVES

BOXING

Boxing is a very demanding, rigorous and often times, bloody sport. By now, many men among the Corps have experienced the ever dreadful Rat class of "Beating & Bleeding," but only a few select continued to further their skills by attending the day-to-day grueling practices of sparring, sprints, circuits and much more. With this chemistry of excercises and the hearts of every member, COL. Gordon Caulkins and CPT. Lance Thomson brought the team to the shape and experience needed to place VMI third in the nation for the National Collegiate Boxing Association. This years team has the potential to be even tougher. The 1991-92 team was led by Edward Van Duren-Captain, Sean Turner-Vice Captain and Carl Engstrom-Tres/Sec/Publicist.

By Edward S. Van Duren

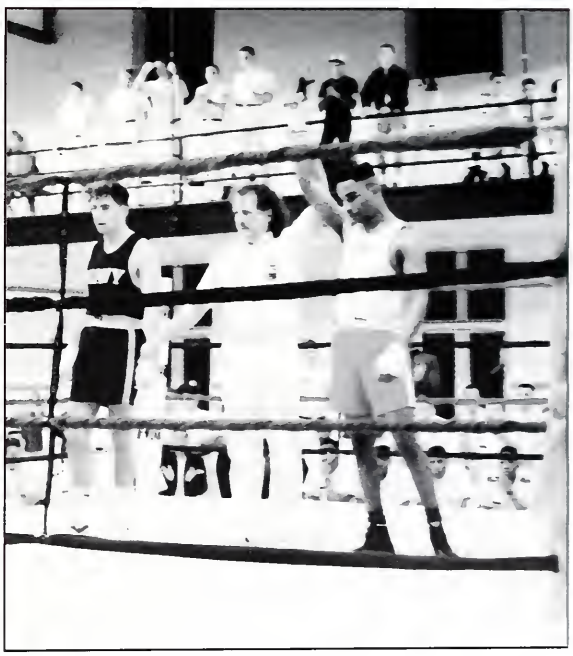


Ed Van Duren taking it to a PSU opponent.



Mr. Bruce

Carl Engstrom with a strong right to The Citadel.



Sean Turner defeats yet another opponent.

DIGGING IT

VOLLEYBALL

The VMI volleyball team is now completing it's third full year. Since it's beginning two years ago, the team has experienced some radical changes. Started by a few cadets who were searching for a new angle of fun, the team is on its way to becoming a competitive force. Following the guidance of our volunteer coach Curtis, and using a limited budget, the team practices four days a week and travels to play other big-name schools like Duke, The Citadel, and VMI's favorite enemy — W&L. The team continues to improve every day and should soon do very well against its "big" school competition.

By Pete Shea



John Zackrison

The 1991-92 volleyball team.



John Zackrison

Poteate sets the ball for a spike.



John Zackrison

Scott Hanley takes a break.



John Zackrison

Dave "Sasquach" Phelps practices his patented serve.



Poteate looks on as his team-mate prepares for a set.

EN GUARDE

FENCING

This season has seen much development and improvement in the fencing team. The new members of the team have shown a great deal of talent through the coaxing and leadership of team captain Robert Haberly and the help of second classmen Jason Held. After many grueling days and weeks of practice, the VMI fencing team fought against such big name schools as the Naval Academy, West Point, William & Mary, and Mary Baldwin College. Through the supervision of Col. Wingfield and the careful tutelage of coach Ted Humphreys the team has shown great improvement and will likely be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

By John Craft



The 1991-92 fencing team.

John Zackrison



John Zackrison



John Zackrison




LET'S FACE IT:
WHEN YOUNG MEN
COME TO VMI, THEY
REALLY THINK THEY
ARE COMING TO
VMI
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW
THIS GUY WON'T MAKE IT
EXIT
VMI IS ONE
OUTRAGE AFTER ANOTHER


FOR THE CLASS OF '92, THERE WAS EAT AND DRINK.
BROTHER RATS!!
AND THERE WAS MARY... AND JANE, AND TAMMY,... AND
DEAR JOHN,
BEFORE I START, I WAN
YOU TO KNOW WE WILL A
WAYS BE FRIENDS.
SINCE YOU'RE COME
UMI, AND YOU
S SO FAR AWAY K
YOUR BEST FRIEND
HE'S SO NICE AN
ACCIDENT!!
BUT DON'T WORRY, IT GETS WORSE, FOLKS!


AFTER BREAKOUT,
OW
WHEN EVERYONE WAS HAPPY
92! 92! 92! YAY!
THEY SWITCHED US AROUND
409
BRAVO
WHO'S IN DELTA
411
#©$
AT LEAST BANDS THE SAME
SO WE'D BE: PERFECT ON PARADE!
(HEAVY MUSIC HERE)
?
HEY, WHAT KIND OF PARADE IS THIS?
PASSS
IINNN
IT'S COLUMNS
UH.... UH...
NO, FLANKS
IS TOO
IT'S WHEELS
IS NOT
CRASH
OW
MEDIC!
NOT TOO
PERFECT ON PARADE, GENERAL!


THEN '90 PUT THE CLASS OF '92 ON CONFINEMENT
TOOTH BRUSH TOSSER
AND THE NEW SUP WAS CORONATED.
YAY
TOOT
WEE
AMNESTY?
CLAP CLAP CLAP
AS THIRDS, '92 DEBATED THEIR RING DESIGN
BONK BONK
BUT NOT TOO MUCH.
THEN, SOMEHOW GOT RID OF THE OLD GUARD
BILL
DIAMOND DAVE
AND BROUGHT IN SOME FELLOWS WHO WERE REALLY IN TOUCH WITH THE CORPS
NOT!
THEY SET STRAIGHT TO WORK, AND THOUGH THEY WERE TOO LATE TO MESS WITH...
WHAT COULD IT BE? WHAT? WHAT?


RingFigure
FIRE ALARM?
HURD RR
92


THESE SUPER HEROES SOON MADE THEMSELVES KNOWN
CHIEF
I ♡ BAND Co.
WORK WITH ME GUYS, MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN...
... THE "HORSESHOE" CONCEPT WILL KEEP UP THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE CORPS...
THE COMMANDANT IS BUSY, CAN YOU COME BACK A WEEK FROM NEVER?
Look mom!
WEE!
CRAB SOCCER
PUSHBALL
AND HIS FAITHFUL SIDEKICKS...
DUO-SYLLABIC MAN!
HOO-YAH!
FEED 'EM!
KICK BUTT!
LEFT FOOT!
The Merciful Monk!
COME, SIT, BE ABSOLVED MY SON
AIM HIGH
AND THE MAN HIMSELF
JWK-54
SMITH
SIR, THE CADETS WANT SHEEP SKIN DIPLOMAS, A GRADUATION SPEAKER, AND TO TURN ON THEIR FANS.. MAYBE
YOU KNOW WE DON'T HAVE THOSE KINDS OF FUNDS...
NOW WHERE ARE MY CORONATION ANNOUNCEMENTS, MY CAR PHONE, AND MY CROWN? CHECK UP ON MY KITCHEN RENOVATIONS, TOO, WOULD YOU?
- DISRESPECT!


THEN THERE WAS LIMITED GP
WHAT'S THIS? INTERNAL BLEEDING? NO GOOD, GO GET YOUR STAMP
BONK
NEXT
LIMITED GP
SOME CADETS WROTE LETTERS CONCERNING LATE STUDY:
CADETS THINK THEY'RE HERE FOR ACADEMICS!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
TAKE A MEMO
THIS IS A QUOTE, FOLKS!
"ACADEMICS IS NOT THE PRIMARY EDUCATOR AT UMI."
WHAT IS THEN?
PRACTICE PARADE?
FOOTBALL GAMES?
HOW ABOUT THAT NEW MESS HALL?
LESS TASTE!
VIRGINIA MCDINNOTS INSTITUTE
MORE FILLING!
McCrozet
IT LOOKS LIKE DISNEY LAND
HEAIN'T WHISTLIN' DIXIE!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT ISN'T ALLOWED!
OH, AND THE TACS
GROSS, DISGUSTING FILTHY!
100% STICK!
YER BONED, HOOAH?
'NUFF SAID ABOUT THEM
MERRY CHRISTMAS
OOF

SOMETIMES IT SEEMS THAT VMI IS ALL ABOUT GETTING BUSTED!

BUSTED HEADS

SMACK!

OUR DYKES SURE GOT BUSTED

DUDE

BEFORE RING FIGURE, PEOPLE GET COLD BUSTED

I'M SORRY, HONEY, BUT I HAVE A SORORITY CAR-WASH, AND IT'S MANDATORY!

YOU STILL LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?

NO

(THAT'S A 10-6-30, LOSS OF RANK, LOSS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES, NO FOOD, AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND WILL DATE SOMEONE ELSE

THANK YOU SIR

ACADEMICS ARE SURE BUSTING OUR...

UH...

HEADS!

KABLAM

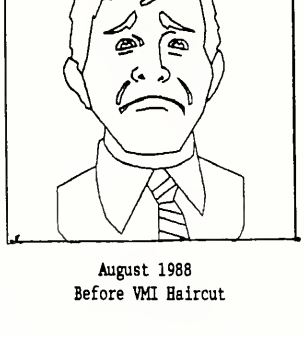
ADVANCED KINETIC NUCLEAR SOMETHING OR OTHER

OOOH!

BUT, YOU KNOW, NONE OF IT MATTERS, 'CAUSE WE'RE BUSTIN' OUT OF HERE AT GRADUATION, AND THAT'S GOOD

EVOLUTION:

Evolution of a VMI Man
Christopher W. Smith
A.K.A.
"Chris the Calm"



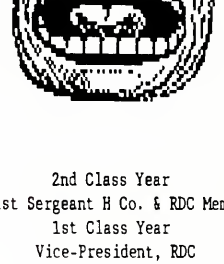
August 1988
Before VMI Haircut



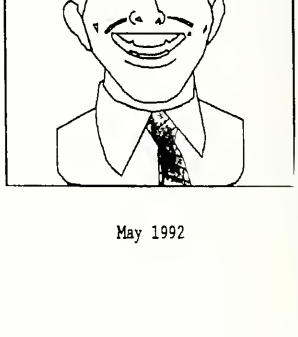
Rat Year
3rd Class Year



Each $emester
Including
$ummers



2nd Class Year
1st Sergeant H Co. & RDC Member
1st Class Year
Vice-President, RDC



May 1992

Congratulations Chris!!!

Mom & Dad

"Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing
for itself.
They come through you but not from you, And though
they are with you yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their
souls, For their souls dwell in the house of
tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even
in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them
like you.
For life goes not backward
nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bow from which
your children as living
arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon
the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with
His might that His arrows
may go swift and far "

GREG ROBINSON, son,
CONGRATULATIONS!
We love ya ...





Don, ...
you haven't
changed a bit!
Congratulations
anyway!!

Love,
D,M,H, & K



Danny,

We Love You

NONNA and

NONNO



Congratulations to the Brother Rats of 1992
and
Johnny
Scott
Price

From A21e to Bragg to AFCENT to Lee - we are proud of your accomplishments - take on life like you took on VMI!

"You done good, kid!

All our Best Love,
Mom, Dad, Tony, and Nikki



James F. Blankenship

Congratulations

We are very, very proud of you

Love, *Mom, Dad and Bethany*

Congratulations
William P. Harris
and the Class of 1992. We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished.



We Love You
very much
Mother
and
Dad

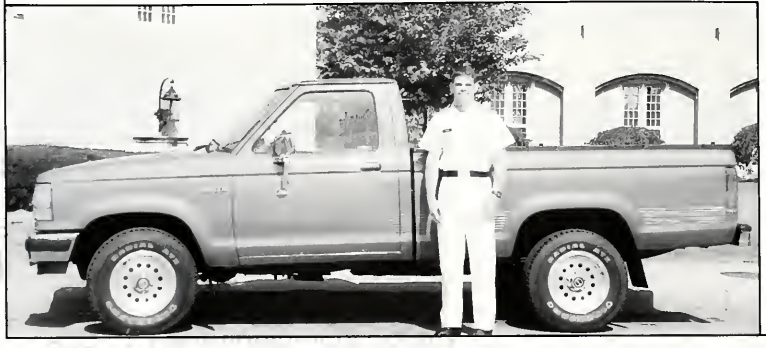
Congratulations, Will Pace
and The Class of 1992.
We are Proud of You!!

Love
Mom, Mike, Rick, Chuck, Mary Anne, Ann Marie, Nicholas, Nathan, Natalie, and Nancy

CHRISTOPHER L. PHELPS

Your Hardwork, Sacrifice and Determination has made us proud of you!

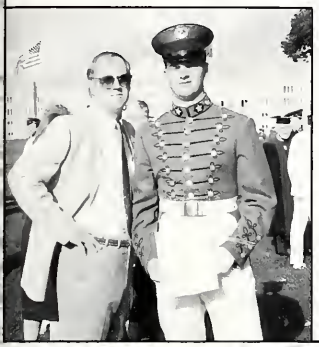
"Way to go, Brubby!!!"



Love from
Dad,
Mom, &
Danyelle

From one great class - '62
to another great class - '92!

Congratulations
ERIK MARECHAL '92
on your many fine
accomplishments.



VMI is a better
place because of
you-
You are a more
successful man
because of VMI!
A Proud
Dad '62

Congratulations
and
Semper Fi, Big "C"
Love,
Mom & Dad

PAT
We're Proud of You-
You're the Boy!

Love,
Mom, Walter, Shannon, John, Ren, Julia, and Joy

THANKS FOR THE MANY MEMORIES

Well done, Matthew



Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Matthew!



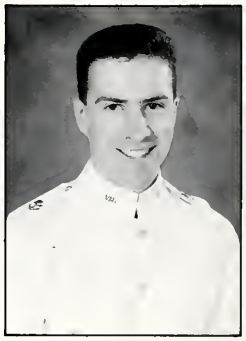
From your proud big sisters

Heather and Meredith



CONGRATULATIONS!
Carl Edward Engstrom

We share your pride and happiness.
Mom, Dad, and Catherine



CHRISTOPHER BERGEN
CLASS OF 1992

Congratulations on Your Achievements!
From: Sister; Anne
Brothers; Edward, Michael & Victor
Grandma Grier
Nieces; Amanda, Kaitlin, Danielle
Kimberly, Katie, Courtney & Melanie
Nephews; Jared, Thomas, Matthew & John
And of course, with Love
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS,
Scott
Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Michael



YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD BY ALL THE GOOD YOU HAVE DONE!
Congratulations Brian E. McCarthy, the Class of '92, & RM 157
MOM DAD MIKE



JASON FRANKLIN TROXELL

DELTA
Company
Commander

"The past is but the beginning of a beginning, and all that is and has been is but the twilight of the dawn."
H.G. Wells

"V.M.I. has provided the beginning - it is up to us to run the race."
John D. deButts '36

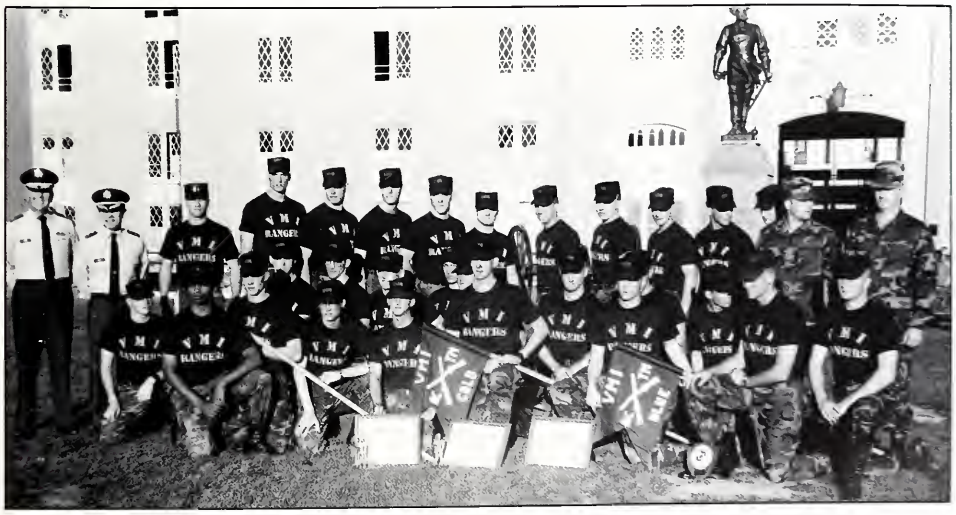


Chairman,
Ring
Design
Committee

With great pride and admiration, we congratulate you, Jason. The V.M.I. "experience" with your many accomplishments will give you quiet strength and confidence for the beginning of your very rewarding future.

We are so happy for you, Jason.

Love you,
Mom and Grant
May, 1992
V.M.I. Graduation



Captain,
Ranger
Challenge

CONGRATULATIONS
Edmund Steven Sobieray, Jr., RM 140, and
The Class of 1992!

There was never a doubt in our minds that you would accomplish what you set out to do. Thank you for the many wonderful memories. We have watched you grow from baby, to boy, to man. Your perseverance and determination along the way have extended our dreams for you. We are so proud of you and we love you very, very much!
Mom, Dad, and John (JMV '95)

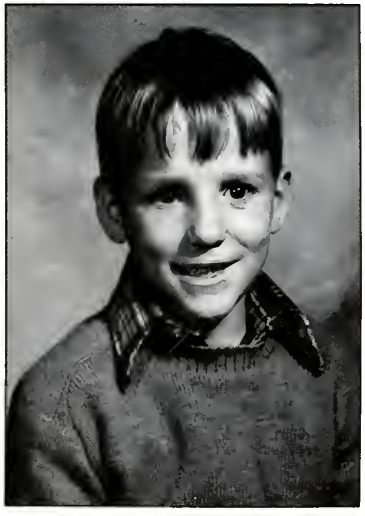
Congratulations!

We're proud of you!
Matthew N. Ott, III
Love,
Sally, Bobby, Tom, Catherine, Bryce, Rob, Andy
and Bear



FRANCO NETO

Congratulations, we are proud of you!
Your Family



Dan Lyle "92"

You've come a long way son and we love you. Good Luck and God Bless



Congratulations

James A. King

You've come a long way from a Jaybird to a Lieutenant





We Love You and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Kathy

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ANTHONY LAWRENCE BRINKLEY

WE LOVE YOU



Dad Patricia Sabrina Mom

Chip

Jenny '94

Emma

Nicholas

YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT ONE BABY!

Congratulations
Cadet Lawrence Joseph Nevel
Class of 1992
"You did it your way"

We are so proud of your accomplishments!
May God be with you always.

Love,
Mom & Dad

All my Love
forever,
Elana



CONGRATULATIONS
MARK ANDREW WITEKI

We always knew you had the
VMI spirit!
Love Mom, Dad, and Kristin



Congratulations Steve Brandtner and Class of '92

We love you and are proud of you.
Thank you for the memories you
shared with us.

God Bless You
Mom, Dad, & Kellie

YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY, SON.



Love,
MOM, DAD, LINDA, & PAUL



Congratulations
Ron Huzzard

and the class of 1992!



Thanks for all the memories.
The future is yours.
With love and pride
Mom, Dad, Lynn, & Kelli

Cadet Daniel L. Agostini



from RAT

CONGRATULATIONS

You have climbed the highest mountain!
DAN

You have what it takes, but we knew that from the start.
You have indeed made us proud.
Thank you for the VMI memories.



to FIRST

OUR LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU
Mom, Dad, Tom, Jana, and Cupcake.

KIRK

Congratulations to you and your Brother Rats. We are very proud of you and we have every confidence in a successful future for you. Who could lose with that terrific smile!



DAD
MOM
SISTER
BROTHER

Into the hands of every individual is given a marvelous power for good or evil ... the silent, unconscious, unseen influence of his life. It is our character that communicates most eloquently, and the VMI system has surely put a stamp on the character of the Class of 92. As Emerson once put it, "What you are shouts so loudly in my ears I cannot hear a word you say".

The family of Joe McClung is proud of what he has achieved during his four years at VMI, but they are more impressed with who he is and what he's become.



Joe's Family ...

Linda, Bob, Lori, Mary Nan, Johnny, Dayna, Denise, Debra, Tom, Dru, Gary, Cecile, Ana Clair, Butch, Beth, Wayne, Jeff, Susan, Owen, Asa, Laura, Jenne, Joey, Clary, David, Bethany, Linda, Lynn, Derek, Fay, Geraldine, Auburn.



CONGRATULATIONS
PAUL DOUGLAS BARNES, II
"PUD"
AND THE CLASS OF '92



We watched you walk down the aisle at church, and we watched you walk down the aisle to receive your diploma. We were proud of you then, and we are very proud of you now. Hold life dear, for the future is yours.





We love you, and
God Bless you always

Dad, Mom, L.W.,
Shannon, Grandparents
Ockerman & Barnes



"A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living." JFK

Congratulations

Mike, Erik, Jeff, and Michael on your completion of your second class year. Best of everything for the "Big One" 1993. You guys are the best!

Don & Mary Livingston

Cadet
Dean Ramsey
Congratulations
on meeting the
challenge!



We knew you could do it!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Darin '93, Lori, Eric, and Granny

CONGRATULATIONS!
DANIEL L. P. SHIPLEY
and
the Class of 1992

Dan,
You have come a long way!



... and the best is yet to be.



All our love-
Mom, Dad, Christiane, Alix



CONGRATULATIONS
GREG ANDRICOS
Room 105
and the Class of 1992
With love and pride your family.

CONGRATULATIONS
MARK E. McCARY
AND
The Class of 1992
YOU'VE MADE US ALL PROUD.

YOUR FAMILY

The VMI Glee Club

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

JOEL LEE COLEMAN

We Love You
We Salute You
We Are Proud Of You
Michele
Mom and Dad
Brothers and Sisters

CONGRATULATIONS,
CADET JOHN H. MILLER IV
&
THE CLASS OF '92

The choice was totally yours, and you set your goals high.

Although daunted at times, you never gave up.

The more trying the adversity, the stronger you became.

We knew you could do it and are so very proud of you!

The lessons learned will help guide you in the future endeavors of life.

We love you - Mom, Dad, and Maribeth

THE LIGHT AHEAD



CONGRATULATIONS MARSHALL

MOM, DAD, and GRANT

Congratulations
to
Erik S. Fuller
and all his B.R.'s
in the class of
'92!





Erik
We've always been proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad



The pain we all felt
when you went away
...
(Prov. 22:6)

CONGRATULATIONS
Robert B. Johnson
Mom, Dad, Rick, Kathygail, Cathy, Julie



Is replaced by the
pride we all feel
today.
(I Cor. 13:11)



THE PAIN WAS TEMPORARY,
THE PRIDE IS FOREVER-

Congratulations Michael T.
Love, Dad, Mom, Robyn, Rim, Sushi, & Col. Twit



Congratulations and God Speed
to the Class of '92
and
ENSIGN MARC ORGAIN.

Remember,
SHAKE-A-LEG!

CONGRATULATIONS



MARK KENNER COON

You have blended focused vision, strategic planning, relentless determination, trustful bonding, and passionate energy to achieve your goal — Graduation. The 150th Rat Sentinel has come a long way. We're proud of your accomplishments and look forward to your future ... YCDI!

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley

CONGRATULATIONS
TO A FINE GROUP OF HONORABLE YOUNG MEN

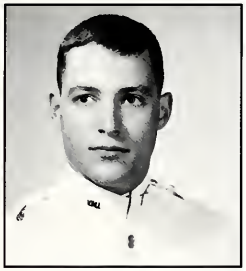
MARK C. THACKSTON
AND
THE CLASS OF 1992

WHAT YOU HAVE EARNED,
YOU WILL FOREVER CHERISH – A VMI DIPLOMA

LOVE,
MOM AND DAD ('65)
MICHAEL AND JONATHAN

MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.



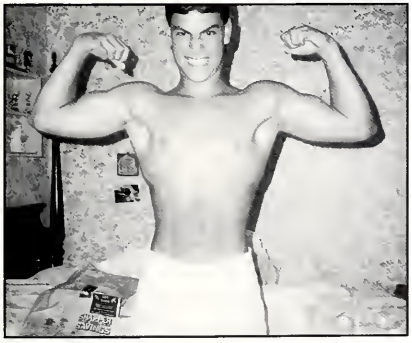


Hugh Coleman Dowdy
JR. '65

THE TRADITION CONTINUES ...
CONGRATULATIONS HUGH III
Love,
Mom, Dad '65, Angela,
Stephen '94, and Timothy '99



Hugh Coleman Dowdy
III '92



FROM "WILD AND CRAZY" TO "TAME AND SANE" IN FOUR SHORT YEARS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS,

DAVID WEISENBERGER,

you have your VMI diploma,
and we're very proud!
Your "hat trick" is complete.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Jon

EAST LEX

U.S. 11 N.

"We Supply V.M.I."



Andrew J. Tate,
2nd Lt, USMC.
You set your sights on a goal. You chose the more difficult path. Through hard work and perseverance you succeeded. We are proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sam, Amy, MaMa, and Tatee

Congratulations Paul Gettle



May you always keep the values and truths you cherish,

May you always believe in yourself and in your dreams,

May you always hold fast to your faith in the Lord.

Our hearts are filled with pride and love, and precious memories of those above.

Thanks Paul, for your determination, and for the VMI memories.
Mom, Mark, and all the Gettles, Forbes, and Garners

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE

CLASS OF 1992



VMI Dining Hall

Keydet Kanteen-
Snack Bar and Retail Store

Keydet Bookstore

"We are here to serve you."



92



Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of you fine young men in Room 148. Keith, Anthony, Bob, Franco & Shannon: Morally, Academically & Athletically, you've brought pride and credit to yourselves, your families and VMI in the finest traditions. You've proven the old adage, "Tough times don't last; tough people do." When people ask what class you are, we answer, "First"; we think that says it all. Now, though you'll each travel different paths from here, our prayers for your safety and success will follow.

Thru rat lines, parade lines,
vault lines and classes;
Thru stick times, hop times and
beer filled glasses;
Thru straining and finning and
flaming rat masses;
You've grown and you've learned
your heads from your asses!
Well done and good luck guys!



"Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done."
-Louis D. Brandeis

Keith, mere words cannot express our feelings for you and your many accomplishments. We knew you were made of the "right stuff," from our two proud flight lines. T'was yours to make the most of. Through all the things before you, you've come straight ahead and never elbowed or stepped over a brother, dyke, or friend. Great going Keith, we love you and you've made us all proud.
Mom, Dad, Stevi, and the clans Peloquin, Bishop and Martell



Hang tough
Jeff,
you're
gonna
make it!!!





THE MORE THINGS CHANGE,
THE MORE THEY
REMAIN THE SAME"



CONGRATULATIONS DOUG
& THE CLASS OF 1992

LOVE
MOM, DAD, TRIPPER, LISA
COURTNEY AND BAILEY VINCENT

CONGRATULATIONS
TOM GNECCO
and
the Class of '92

Mom, Dad, and
Charley

CONGRATULATIONS



LAWRENCE
R.
ALEXANDER
CLASS OF 1992



We have watched you grow and mature, making some of your dreams come true. You have made us very proud of you and have filled our lives with joy. Keep God first in your life, for the greater rewards are still ahead. May the Lord be always with you and the class of 1992. With Love Mom, Dad, Mia, Christina, and the Alexander, Greer, Hammond, Hickman, Mirus, Proctor & Stinette families.



CONGRATULATIONS! FROM YOUR DYKES IN ALPHA



BEER DRINKING BRAVO RATS TAKE IT OFF FOR '92



COLD STEEL CHARLIE RATS SALUTE '92!!!



DELTA RATS TOAST THEIR DYKES ON A JOB WELL DONE



TIGER ECHO RATS WISH '92 LUCK IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS



CONGRATULATIONS '92 FROM YOUR F-TROOP RATS



DON'T MESS WITH BLOOD AND GUTS GOLF RATS



HOTEL COMPANY RATS ... The few, the proud ...



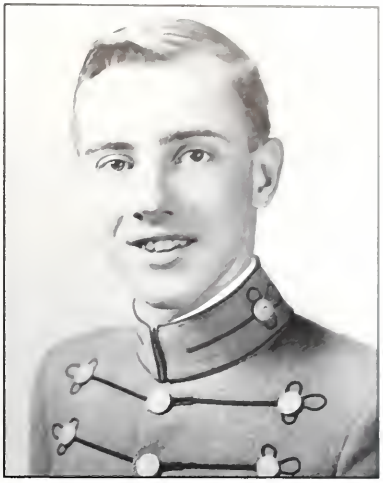
IRON CLAD INDIA RATS CONGRATULATE THE CLASS OF '92



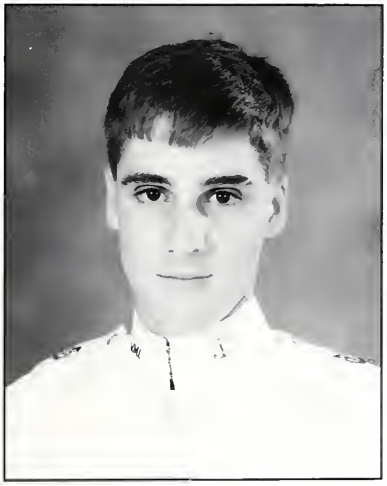
'92-'92-'92 BAND RATS CHANGE CADENCE '95-'95-'95



William Tardy Clement '14
Lieutenant General USMC



Clement Lee Woodward '53
Colonel A U S



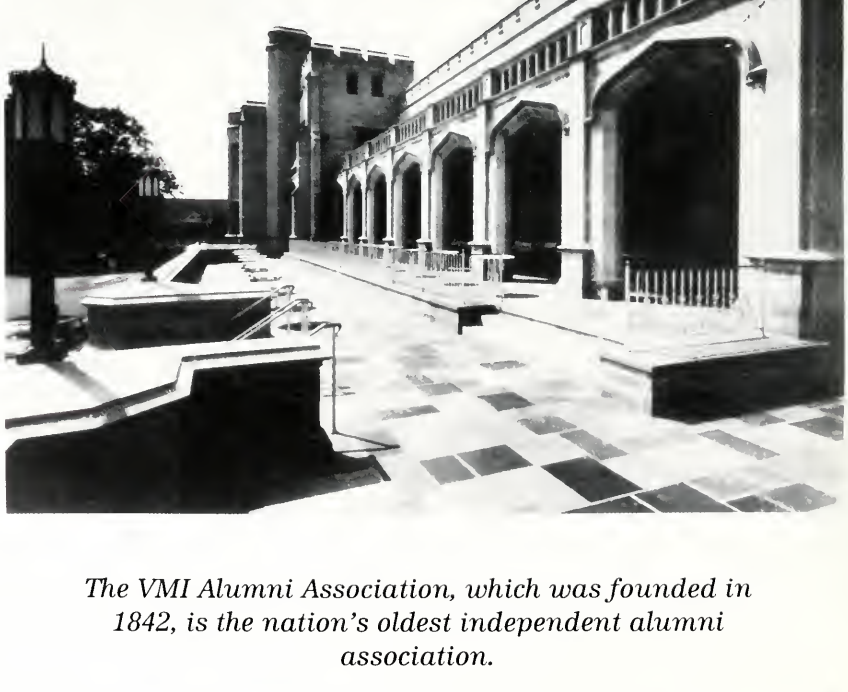
William Overton Woodward '92
ENSIGN USN

Continues the tradition begun by his great uncle and by his father.

Congratulations from: Dad and Mom
Granny and Dee Dee
Uncle Tom and Aunt Betty
Aunt Barbara and George!

Congratulations to the Class of 1992 from The VMI Alumni Agencies

The VMI Alumni Association, Inc.
VMI Foundation, Inc.
VMI Keydet Club, Inc.



The VMI Alumni Association, which was founded in 1842, is the nation's oldest independent alumni association.

Greg Viggiano

Three years ago to Virginia you went-
Two goals in mind.
An endless circle of brotherhood and a
Treasured paper you to the institute would bind.
The ring encircling your finger is a symbol so strong
You earned it, and may it be cherished forever long.
Every moment for you wasn't always easy as pie,
Yet you also achieved your second goal-the diploma of VMI
We're so proud of the hard work you've given
and the things you've done
And wish you faith, success, and happiness
In all the times to come.

With much Love and Pride Always: Dad, Mom, David, and Lynda.





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CONGRATULATIONS '93



Congratulations
to "my"
Brother Rats-
the Class of 1992.
Thank You and
Good Luck!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK BAUSH
& VMI Class of 1992!



**When the going gets tough,
the tough get going!**

**Mark, your entire family is proud
of you. We knew you could do it!**

If you can keep your head when life's temptations
Are bidding you to heed their beck and call,
If you can dream and have high expectations,
Yet not mind working hard to win it all ...

If you can take advice from those who love you,
Yet learn to make decisions for yourself,
If you can cheer as others pass above you
And put your disappointments on the shelf ...

If you can smile when odds are all against you,
Determined to try even harder still,
If when your foes have practically convinced you
"You can't," you buckle down and say, "I WILL" ...

If you can put your heart into attaining
The goal you seek and do your best each day,
Yet, without hesitating or complaining,
Help others gladly as you go your way ...

If you can live the Golden Rule each minute
And shape your course according to God's plan,
Yours is the world and everything that's in it
And, what is more, you'll really be a man!

R.J. Cummings

Congratulations

MARK LOVING
and
The Class of 1992

We are proud of you for a job well done!
Love,

Mom, Dad, Noelle, Granny
Monte and Cathy

Congratulations Kenner!

Love, Gus, Pat, Cami, Dawn,
Wendy, and Marc.

It has been a long four years but worthwhile. I promise I'll be around for many more

I Love You, Carla

BEAR EMERGES



HEIDI MOM DAD



VMI '92

Congratulations, CLINTON

George and Margaret Aunt Vi Calina
U. Bill PAPAW Mamaw Aunt Jennie Dad Mom Mark Mr Uncle Lloyd
Aunt Mary Brandon Thea Jayla

Congratulations, Derrick Johnson



We are proud of you and we all love you.
Mom, Family, and Friends

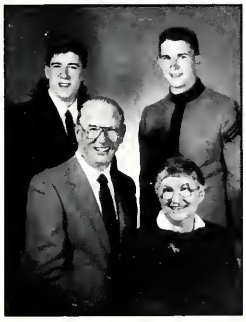
You're on a voyage into time,
A trip to somewhere new.
You may not always see me there,
But I'll be there with you.

We are proud of you.
We love you.
God bless you always.



Mamá, Uncle Carl, Aunt Dottie,
and Grandma Biga.

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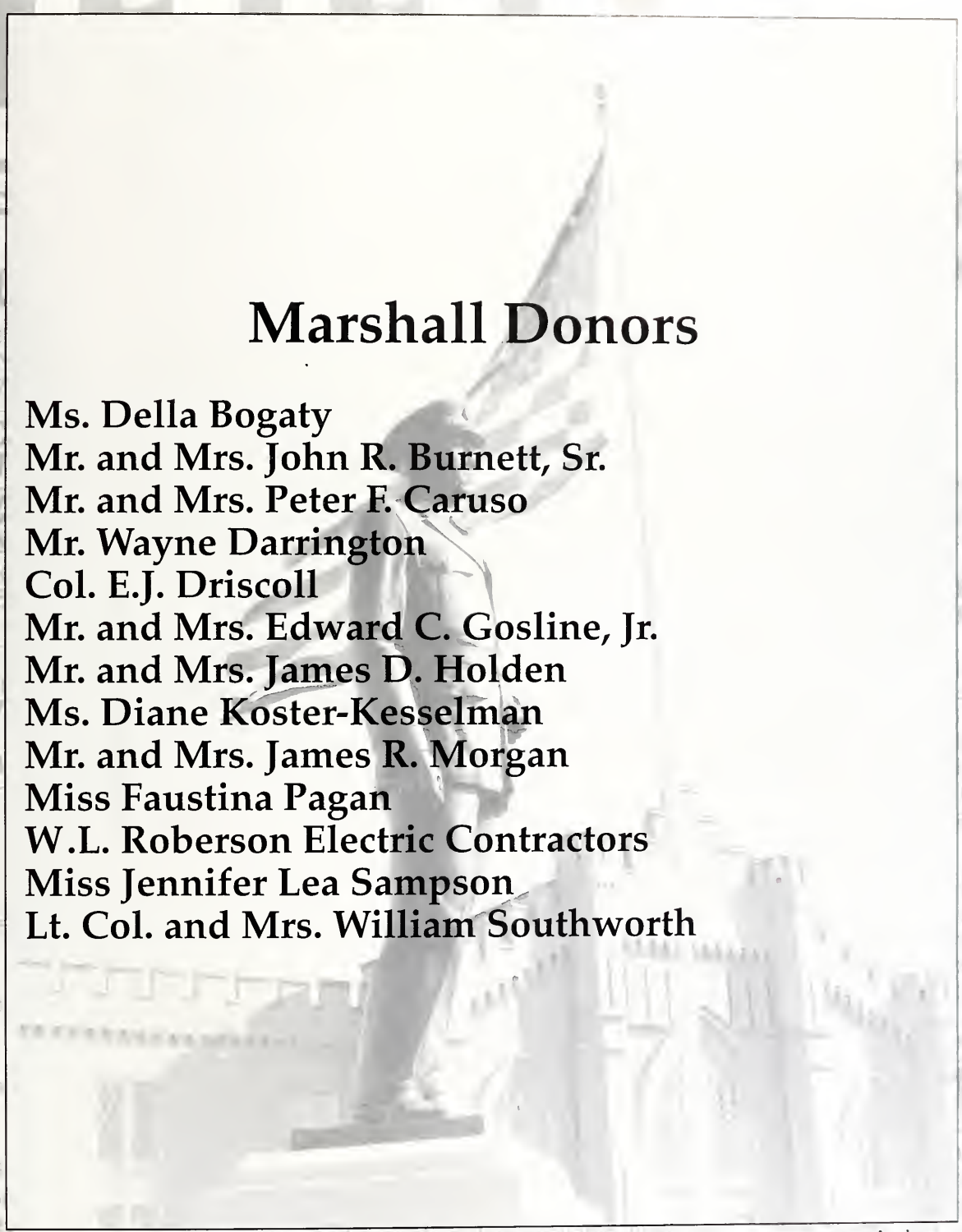
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This book is finished and I'm free at last. I took the position of Editor-in-Chief not knowing the full implications it held. My main reason was that a first classman as Editor would ensure that my Class would have a Bomb to call their own. I am positive that this has occurred. After having been placed on conduct probation three times, having received numerous penalty tours and post confinement I can say that it is something that I would never take again. I saw my staff vanish into thin air at times and hardly ever saw my rack. BUT, I have completed a yearbook that I feel proud of and have learned some valuable lessons.

Much thanks is owed to the staff that hung in there through it all. In the end, almost everyone had gone on Conduct Pro or academic Pro. They started off with no yearbook knowledge but soon proved themselves. Much of the credit for this year's book goes to them. I do, however, accept full responsibility for the content and any errors of the book. I must also thank COL Williams for his support that allowed me and my staff to complete this book.

I hope that the Bomb captures the essence of the 1991-1992 academic year. The message that I hope one finds in this book is a positive one about VMI. I believe that VMI is experiencing some serious growing pains at the moment and hope that the solutions being implemented are the best. So I wish the best of luck to those who are in charge of VMI's future.

Enough said about such trivial matters. Concerning the content of this year's Bomb, yes, it is slanted towards my class. This Bomb is the one that the Class of 1992 will look back upon as their own. At the same time, however, I ensured that the other classes were represented as well. I believe that I achieved the best compromise possible and such is that. I hope this Bomb will be a catalysis to help my BR's remember their memories of this place.

John H. Zackrison





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